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Hi Richard,

I came across your feed on Twitter – and I believe we have a contact in common; Keith Jones at the National Trust in North Wales. I volunteered with Keith and his colleague Paul recently, helping them in their goal to reduce the Trust’s environmental impact by carrying out energy efficiency surveys on their holiday cottage portfolio. While working with them I learnt a lot about the renewable energy schemes that they are developing throughout Wales. In particular the hydro schemes at Hafod y Llan in Snowdonia captured my imagination.

In September 2013 I began studying on the Renewable Energy and the Built Environment MSc course at the Centre for Alternative Technology in Machynlleth. I am looking forward to developing an in-depth knowledge of renewable technology, particularly wind and hydro systems. To complement my studies I would love to be able to undertake some work experience to get some first-hand relevant knowledge of the industry and wonder whether this is something you would be willing and able to provide.

My educational background is in Mechanical Engineering in which I achieved a 1st class BEng from UMIST. Since I graduated I have worked mainly in construction, most recently for EcoVert solutions, a company specialising in low-energy refurbishments and carbon-saving new builds.

I am looking to change my career direction to play a part in lowering the UK’s carbon footprint. Whilst volunteering with the National Trust my interest in renewable energy projects grew, particularly in relation to the hydro schemes. I am keen to learn about and experience as much of the sector as I can, to assist in my completion of the course but also to help me develop a career in something I am so passionate about.

I would welcome the opportunity for an informal chat if you can spare the time and hope you do not mind me making this approach.

Best regards,

Tom Eagle