# A day in the life of a SEPA Hydromorphologist

As a SEPA Hydromorphologist you get the opportunity to influence policies related river management, work to produce better outcomes for the water environment through supporting the regulatory framework for the engineering work on water bodies, develop and support the delivery of Water Environment Fund restoration projects across Scotland, and research new and innovative ways to protect, manage and retore the Scottish Environment for generations to come.

## Example of Day in the Office



Check and respond to emails enquires, add any tasks to be completed to task list with deadline for completion.

#### 9.30 am

Attend meeting with Environmental Protection Officer to discuss CAR Licence application for a river realignment.

#### 10.00 am

Attend regional place coordination group catchup meeting.

#### 10.30 am

Unit meeting over teams to catch up with colleagues and have organisational updated cascaded.

#### 11.00 am

Continue with scoping report to access restoration potential on water body in Clyde area following recent site visit.

### 1.00 pm

Lunch

#### 1.30 am

Attend morphology restoration group meeting to future projects and ways to reduce barriers to their implementation.

## 3.00 pm

Continue with scoping report and respond to emails.

## 5.00 pm

Print maps and field data collection sheets for restoration scoping visit the following day.

## AT MY DESK





As a Hydromorphologist you undertake a wide range of desk based activities to support the regulation, restoration and management of Scottish rivers. Day to day tasks include responding to emails enquires, reviewing and responding to river engineering permits and planning applications, compiling restoration scoping reports, undertaking river classification checks and attending relevant policy meetings to support SEPA in achieving it's One Planet Prosperity vison. Other office base activities include development of a range useful geomorphological management tools, GIS analysis and research based projects.

## **AWAY FROM MY DESK**

The role involves days out of the office. These include visits to discuss river engineering works with applicants, scoping fish passage barriers for removal, river walk over surveys to assess restoration potential, visiting restoration project construction sites to assess progress and raise any concerns with the design consultant and carrying out monitoring on restoration sites to allow the development of these site over time to documented and evaluated.

