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What did you do at the Lighthouse ?

I was studying for my MSc in Applied Marine and Fisheries Ecology at the University of Aberdeen. My end of year research project was collecting and analysing GPS data from breeding Fulmars from the Eynhallow colony. I was exploring how these breeding individuals used proposed marine renewable sites during the incubation and chick rearing stages of the breeding season. I also grabbed at the chance, whenever possible, to help and get involved with the other projects going on at the time.

What are you doing now ?

I now work at JNCC as the project coordinator for the 4th breeding seabird census for Britain and Ireland, Seabirds Count. I was very lucky to start my role with JNCC the day after handing in my MSc project manuscript! My role ranges from, volunteer engagement to securing funding for the project, heading out in the field to survey seabird colonies to analysis of the data in preparation for the final population estimates to be published.

What was your best experience at the Lighthouse ?

Such a difficult question, it may have only been a small proportion of my studies but was arguably the best part of my 5 years at the University of Aberdeen. Being surrounded by incredibly intelligent, insightful people and seeing applied research in action was an amazing opportunity. However, there is nothing quite like holding a fulmar that had just returned from a 5000km round trip to the mid-Atlantic ridge. I feel very privileged to have spent time on Eynhallow and it will always hold a special place in my heart!

