



What did you do at the Lighthouse ?

I volunteered at the Lighthouse in the summer of 2016, during my bachelor studies at Aberdeen University. I was mainly assisting the dolphin photo-ID research. We spent one day each week out on the boat, and the other days were office based. Amongst other things, I updated the dolphin photo-ID catalogue and graded the pictures taken to identify individuals. I got to help with similar tasks for the harbour seal research. Towards the end of the summer, I also got an insight into the sea bird research, by going to the Orkney islands to help with the ringing of fulmar chicks.

What are you doing now ?

Today, I work as a wildlife manager in the northern most county in Sweden. My job is focused on the large terrestrial predators – bear, wolf, wolverine, and lynx. As reindeer husbandry covers the full area of the county, a large part of my job is to deal with the arising conflicts between predators and reindeer herders. At the same time, I'm working with a team of moose researchers to publish my first scientific paper. This will be based on the results from my master thesis, that looked at how moose movement pattern and habitat selection change in response to tourism.

What's the best advice you have been given ?

It is to distinguish what I want in life from what society tells me I should want. It took a long time for me to realise that these were actually two separate things, but it helped me to be content where I was. I stopped being ashamed of not having my dream job. Surprisingly, that's when everything started coming together. Perhaps being content and secure in myself helped me get the job I have today, or perhaps it was coincidence. Regardless, everything feels a lot better without that pressure.



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