

Case Study

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“I think it’s important to get an external perspective on your career – especially if you have been in an organisation for a period of time. External accreditation also helps to keep your outlook broad, which is important in an ever changing environment. It would be too easy to become preoccupied with the day job and not to keep up with developments in the sector otherwise.”

Dr Lucinda Gilfoyle’s journey started as a temporary job in the Anglian Water Microbiology Lab following her Environmental Toxicology degree. Following this job, she applied to study for her PhD and upon completion of her further studies she was appointed to the Anglian Water Scientific Team looking at drinking water quality.

Lucinda’s extensive CV includes projects such as leading the design and installation of a unique real time monitoring system for combined sewer overflows in the Anglian region; forming and facilitating of local action groups and leading the first UK use of aerial photography to identify coastal pollution pathways.

She was also responsible for the design and delivery of the largest agricultural behavioural change campaign in the UK. She has worked at the national level to identify realistic interventions to reduce agricultural pollution of ground and surface water and manages a team of agricultural specialists to act as ‘communication brokers’ between farmers and Anglian Water to help better understand the pressures of producing sustainable food and the potential risks and opportunities these pose to water quality.

“Currently, I am starting to put together what the investment plans could look like for Anglian Water for our Catchment Management activities in the next AMP. Potential Brexit implications, especially around areas such as bathing water quality but also the impacts it might have on research and collaborative environmental initiatives such as Defra’s Catchment Based Approach and CAP reform are not far from my thoughts.”

Dr Lucinda Gilfoyle’s long list of achievements with Anglian Water led to her being selected as Chartered Environmentalist of the Year in 2015.