Careers in Energy and Sustainable Development

Derval Barzey

CARICOM Girls in ICT Partnership STEM/STEAM Career Webinar Series

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The nexus of Energy & Environment
My journey...

• BSc. Environmental & Natural Resource Management, with Agribusiness
• NEBOSH General Certificate
• Undergraduate (summer) Trainee/ Intern
• Graduate Trainee/ Intern (2-year)
• Health Safety and Environment Specialist.
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HSE Specialist
MBA Sustainable Energy Management
Sustainable Energy Research Assistant
Environmental Officer
Project Officer Energy
Sustainability Consultant
Podcast Host
Caribbean Woman, Climate Conscious

BY ZAHRA GORDON

“...it was pointed out that, particularly in our region, women seem to be the face of climate activism and even though that is true, the issue is that in the seats of power, it seems to often reflect the gender dynamics of the actual population.”

Derval Barzy

Working in the energy sector was somewhat of a wake-up call to environmental activist Derval Barzy. She had a lifelong interest in the environment, but her profession in the oil and gas companies in environmental risk management put more into perspective. Then, she saw firsthand how energy impacts the environment and, more recently, how climate change was a multifaceted issue — one that most likely would affect Caribbean women at some level.

“Thus not just a climate crisis — but a health crisis. As an environmental activist, I realized that the impacts of climate crisis is going through women, most notably Caribbean women.”

The Climate Conscious Conference, a campaign by The Caribbean Climate Initiative and the Caribbean Women’s Climate Movement, is looking at sustainable development and its connection to the cultural and environmental factors of the region. It is now the third year of the conference, which has grown from 20 to 5,000 attendees.

The conference seeks to elevate the understanding of the Caribbean women’s climate movement and bring attention to the issues they face. It is also an opportunity to learn from each other and share strategies and solutions.

“The women of the Caribbean are being left behind in terms of climate action,” said Derval Barzy. “They are the ones on the front lines, facing the consequences of climate change, but they are not always given the tools or resources to address the issues that affect them.”

Barzy sees the conference as a platform for women to come together and share their stories and experiences. It is an opportunity to learn from each other and build a movement.

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Barzy believes that the conference is an important step in building a movement for women in the Caribbean.

“It is important to bring together women from all over the region to discuss the issues they face and share strategies for action,” said Barzy. “It is a chance for women to come together and build a movement for change.”

The conference will be held from October 8th to 10th at the Marriott Hotel in Barbados. It is open to all women interested in climate action and includes workshops, panel discussions, and keynote speeches.

“Women are an invaluable part of the solution to climate change,” said Barzy. “They have the experience and knowledge to make a difference, and they have the power to rally others to join them.”

The conference is an opportunity for women to come together, build a movement, and create a better future for all. It is an opportunity to learn from each other and build a movement for change.

For more information, visit their website at www.caribbeanclimateconference.org.
## Potential roles

- Health Safety & Environment Advisor
- Regulatory compliance Manager
- Emergency Response Manager
- Sustainable Energy Policy development
- Renewable Energy Project Manager
- Energy Auditing
- Climate Change Specialist
- ESG Advisor
Continuing Development

- Project Management
- Solar PV systems
- ISO 14001 Management System Auditing
- Climate Finance
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Waste Management
- Certified Energy Management (CEM)
- Greenhouse Gas Accounting
- Life Cycle Assessment
- GIS
The Journey continues…

- Be in the driver’s seat of your life & career
- Diversify, unlearn, relearn & upskill
- Leverage transferable skills
- Network, volunteer, participate in industry events
- Create your path
Thank You

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