

# Graduate Testimonial

## What are you doing now after graduating?

I am an energy policy graduate at Veolia UK, the world's leading environmental services company. My job consists of analysing UK and Scottish Government energy policy and communicating this policy to Veolia UK and engaging with Government to lobby for certain outcomes.

## What skills or experiences from your time in ISG were particularly valuable in helping you find your current position?

Stakeholder engagement- my role in ISG allowed me to engage with multiple stakeholders and run multi stakeholder meetings. This gave me the experience to confidently lead multi stakeholder meetings in my new role. Communication- my role helped improve and sharpen my audible and written communication as well as my active listening skills. Organisation/administration- my role in ISG required me to be organised and set effective ways of working for myself, I have since applied these ways of working in my new role



**Ross Mennie**

Previous Roles: Project Management Intern, Project Management Administrator

Studied: Politics

## What advice would you give to current students who are considering applying for a position within ISG?

I would highly recommend working in ISG as a student. It is an encouraging and supportive environment where you are able to gain skills that you use in post-graduation jobs. It's also a great way to meet new people and peers. It's a perfect opportunity for you to discover how you work and how to get the best out of yourself in a supportive environment- good opportunity to make mistakes and learn from them

## What would you recommend current student workers do to ensure that they get the most of their experience?

Speak to everyone you meet, both senior and junior. Think about what you are learning/developing and how you can improve it in the future. Ask for help if you need it, you are there to learn about working in a new environment. Don't put too much pressure on yourself. Make mistakes as long as you learn from them. Give your opinions/ideas. Don't be afraid to be wrong.

## Why should students apply for roles in ISG?

This is a great opportunity to gain experience, meet new people, earn some extra money and get an advantage in the jobs market (especially for skills that do not provide 'hard skills').