

# Stephanie Cairns

**Stephanie pursued a B.A. in Environmental Studies, Political Science, and Economics. She graduated in 1986.**



## **Current Occupation:**

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Consulting Principal, Wrangellia Consulting; Director, Circular Economy, Smart Prosperity Institute, University of Ottawa.

## **How did the Environment program influence your career?**

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The University of Toronto introduced me to the very important network of people that I keep still in touch with. They provided super valuable career suggestions and opportunities. My degree also sparked a passion for and interest in the field of environmental studies.

## **Any career suggestions or advice?**

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I chose this career because I wanted to make a difference in the world. I was very passionate about environmental issues and knew that this was the area in which I could make my contribution. My passion is what drove me to my current career. [...]



In terms of career suggestions, I think it is very essential to get involved in different volunteer opportunities. Volunteer work provides you with experience, allowing you to stand out from other candidates during the job search process. Volunteering also helps in developing industry contacts, allows you to test out what kind of work you are interested, and builds up your understanding.

Additionally, select a complementary discipline to pursue along with Environmental Studies, such as biomedical sciences, economics, engineering, or law. This will provide you with strong background knowledge in the marketplace.

