

Internship report  
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This summer I had the opportunity to intern as a sustainability consultant at Norconcult in Iceland. I joined a small team where I focused on consulting a municipality on waste management in Iceland.

I gained valuable experience during the summer as we worked on tenders, looked into carbon footprints and various recycling options which can be quite challenging in a small country as Iceland. The work involved a lot of research and independent work. I needed to learn about waste management legislation in both Iceland and Europe, learn about available recycling methods as well as what can be done about non-recyclable waste. There are many things to consider such as transport, carbon output, import and export legislations and so on. Learning about the recycling and waste management was interesting and taught me a lot. It is something that is only discussed up to the part that we should recycle and take care of our waste but learning what becomes of it is not really part of it. Taking part in writing tenders for that, where not only sustainability needed to be considered but also practicalities and prices was a valuable perspective to gain.

Part of being a consultant involves presenting your work and ideas to your team and later to the customer. I hence got good experience in both making presentations as well as presenting my work and ideas in a good manner. We had the opportunity to work with a specialist in waste management and tenders from Norway which was very valuable as it gave me an international perspective. The complexity of waste management is greater than I ever realized and I am excited to continue my work at Norconcult.

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