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[Flood Risk and Drainage Engineer](#)

Who do you work for?

[Cole Easdon Consultants](#) - Swindon

What do you do?

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What skills and knowledge do you think are important when it comes to dealing with climate change at work?

“Technical skills and scientific knowledge are important, but so are good communication skills.

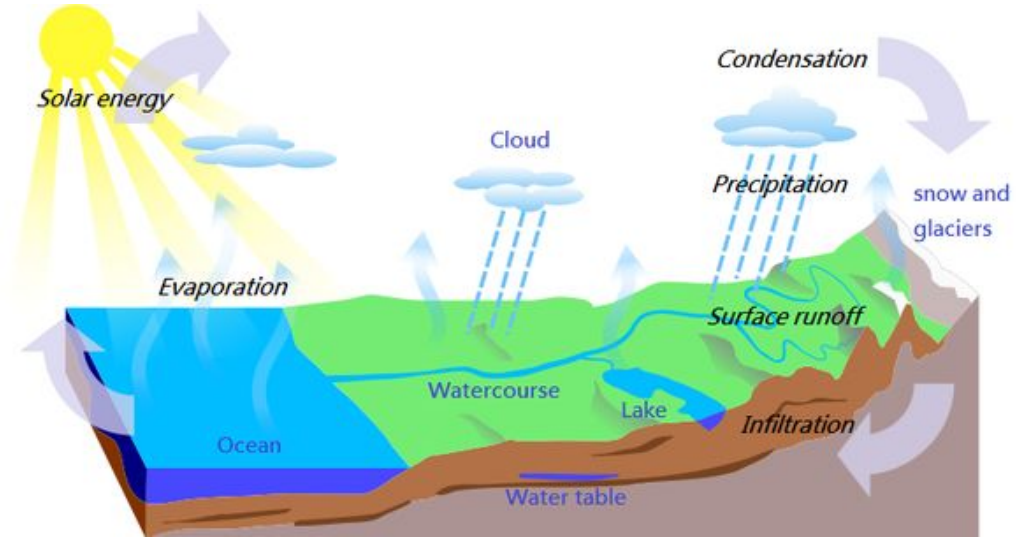
It’s vital to understand what is important to other people.”



What can you recall learning at school which helps you with your job now?

“I remember learning about the water cycle in school, and this helps me with my job now.

I also have a degree in Geosciences and a Masters in Water Management.”





**“I sometimes feel very
anxious about the future.**

**My job helps, because I am a
small part of the solution”**



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