

SCIENTIST BECOMES PLUMBER

Dr Karl Gensberg has a diploma (PhD) in molecular biology and has conducted significant studies into arthritis and cancer.

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But after ten years as a university researcher, he is abandoning his academic career... to become a gas fitter.

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Karl Gensberg, a 41-year-old father of one, believes he can more than double his £23,000 annual earnings by exchanging his lab coat and test tubes for a boiler suit and a tool kit.

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The Birmingham University scientist reached his life-changing decision after asking a plumber to fit a boiler at his home. The plumber thought Dr Gensberg's PhD was a guarantee of a good income.

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"I showed him my payslip and he was stunned," said Dr

25... Gensberg "He said he earned £33,000 a year and some of his mates could bring home double the amount I was paid. He added that the plumbers who were prepared to be on call around the clock for emergency work can double that figure.

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"That made me realise just how bad my job is. I was not only undervalued but underpaid as well."

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"I love molecular biology and I am passionate about the research but enough is enough. I have got a family to support and although I love the job I can't continue with it."

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Then Dr Gensberg decided to start training as a gas fitter. He will begin his new career next year.

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