

PREMIUM WORKSHOPS

Our full day premium workshops are designed to give groups an in-depth look at zoos and conservation. They hit on a range of STEM topics as well as transferable skills such as public speaking, finances and team working. All of the sessions will give students a snapshot of what working in zoos and animal charities is really like, empowering them to take those skills forward for future career planning.

We Designed A Zoo

Discuss what animals need for a healthy and enriching life in captivity and work together in teams to create the best enclosure design possible.

The day will begin with an introduction to modern zoos and a tour to look at enclosure design across the Zoo site.

Teams will then need to weigh up the real-life considerations and limitations faced by zoo curators and planning teams to turn an empty space into an appealing setting that will meet the needs of animals, staff and visitors, all under a restricted budget.

At the end of the day, teams will present their suggested enclosure design to their peers and to a panel of judges made up of members of our Zoo team. The judges will pick a winner based on adherence to welfare requirements, practicality, originality, and other considerations, before awarding the winning team a small prize.



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Zoo Careers

Are your students interested in working in a zoo setting and are unsure where to take their first steps? The good news is there is no set route and many paths can lead to these jobs.

The day will start with a look at the range of roles available within a zoo setting and the skills and knowledge required for each. The rest of the day will then be split into four short activities to give a flavour of being a keeper, researcher, education officer and maintenance.

Along the way, groups can use the opportunity to quiz zoo staff on their own unique journeys to their current roles. This workshop aims to give an honest look at what can be expected in animal care jobs and showcases that there are many other options out there for students in early career planning.

Please note, there will be no direct working with animals on this workshop.

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Price: £14 per pupil

Times: A full day experience starting at 10am and finishing at 2pm, with a 45 minute lunch break.

Numbers: A maximum of 20 students is preferred



Conservation and Zoo Ethics

Dartmoor Zoo prides itself on demonstrating strong ethical considerations in all its decision making.

In this workshop your students will be introduced to how an ethical panel works with real-life examples from the Zoo before forming teams and being assigned roles to debate as conservation campaigners.

A short tour in the morning will allow the group to see the variety of conservation being delivered on site before it is their turn to act in their designated roles and bid for a million pounds of funding.

Teams will present their arguments and the whole group will act as an ethical panel to determine whose proposal is best.