

Professional Development of Zookeepers

Chester Zoo, United Kingdom, 19 – 23 June 2017

Erasmus+ funded training event exploring how the newly developed European Professional Zookeeper Qualification Framework (EPZQF) can be used to underpin the training of keepers. The framework has been developed as part of an EAZA co-ordinated project and it aims to facilitate zookeepers and institutions from across Europe in reaching the highest standards of professional practice.

FREE training event for eligible participants.

Workshop programme includes:

- Introduction to the European Professional Zookeeper Qualification Framework
- Internal training: Developing an organisational training plan
- Internal training: Being a learning organisation
- Internal training: Section visits to observe training in practice
- Formal training: How accredited training can support keeper development
- Formal training: Overview of current European options
- Formal training: Keeper perspectives and pros and cons
- External training: EAZA Academy
- Action planning: How to develop a training plan
- Action planning: How to implement the EPZQF in your own institution

Who should attend:

- Anyone with responsibility for recruiting, training, and developing zookeepers (e.g. HR staff, senior zoological staff, curators, head and lead keepers)
- Staff who are employed by or affiliated with an EAZA Member or Candidate for Membership, or who are formally linked with one of the other project partners

Travel grant:

A grant of €275 is available for participants who:

- Can show a link to EAZA or one of the other partner organisations
- Travel more than 100km (62.1miles) to attend the training
- Attend all days of the training

Included in the training:

- All workshop materials
- Lunch and refreshments during the course
- Certificate for successful completion

The workshop will involve presentations, workshops, discussion and practical visits, be conducted in English and will be delivered over five days.

The number of places is limited, so book now to avoid disappointment!

To book a place or for more information, please contact Kate Brankin (k.brankin@chesterzoo.org)

For more information on the project: eaza.net/academy/epzqf/ Facebook: @ZookeepersEU