

Discovery and Learning Manager

(full time - permanent)

Flamingo Land is looking for a Discovery and Learning manager to join its growing and dynamic team. The successful candidate will be responsible for managing the Discovery Ranger Team, Learning Team and supervising research projects.

Flamingo Land has seen a dramatic growth in its education provision in recent years and we are looking to continue on this trajectory. The department is based in the newly refurbished Udzungwa Discovery Centre and has several learning stations throughout the park. The Discovery Ranger team is responsible for informal learning provision and the Learning team is responsible for school and group teaching. Both teams deliver daily animal talks and events.

The Discovery and Learning Manager is responsible for managing the two teams including timetabling events and ensuring education provision is at the highest standard. They will be responsible for implementing the zoos conservation education strategy as well and continuing to grow the department. The individual will liaise with our academic partners at Askham Bryan College and support students in work experience and research. The individual will represent Flamingo Land at regional and national BIAZA education meetings. They will also be responsible for leading education projects, applying for grants and awards and growing the presence of education onsite. The Discovery and Learning manager will also have a key role in shaping new exhibits and site wide initiatives. They will also be involved with encouraging conservation advocacy onsite in line with the zoos mission and in support of our David Bellamy Award.

In addition to the above roles, the Discovery and Learning Manager is expected to take part in school and group teaching and public engagement where required.

What we offer:

- Opportunity to shape and grow the Discovery and Learning Department
- Highly varied working day
- Opportunity to attend regional and national BIAZA meetings
- Opportunity to lead research projects
- 5 day working week
- 30 days paid annual leave
- Uniform is provided

The ideal candidate will have:

Essential

- Proven managerial experience working with a diverse team ideally within a zoo setting
- Evidence of innovation and taking initiative
- Desire to develop and progress the Discovery and Learning department in new ways
- Excellent organisational skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Experience in working in a public facing environment
- Teaching experience at a range of ages
- Understanding of working in the zoo environment

Desirable

- A post-graduate degree
- Experience in award or grant application writing
- Experience supervising students
- Understanding of working in a commercial environment
- Interest in conservation advocacy

The candidate will be expected to be flexible with hours where required. This role includes working weekends and bank holidays and may require some evening work.