



Head of Discovery & Learning

Full Time Permanent Position

Dublin Zoo's mission is to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature through involvement in conservation and by inspiring passion through education and engaging visitor experiences. Our purpose is to save wildlife and inspire a passion for nature – one person, one family at a time.

Dublin Zoo holds the prestigious position of being **'Ireland's leading Fee-Paying Family Attraction'** welcoming in excess of 1.1 million visitors each year.

We are seeking to recruit a highly motivated, passionate and results driven Head of Discovery & Learning who, under the direction of the Director of Dublin Zoo, and as a member of the Senior Management Team, will lead the Discovery & Learning Department, which includes staff and volunteers, and will be responsible for leading and overseeing the award-winning conservation education activities, helping Dublin Zoo cultivate the next generation of conservationists in line with the objectives of the Dublin Zoo 200 Strategic Plan.

They will be accountable for the leadership, delivery and impact of the strategic initiatives of the Discovery & Learning Department at Dublin Zoo and will be responsible for implementing the Conservation Education Master Plan and work towards expanding on this work beyond 2030.

They must possess strong leadership skills with experience in team development, people management, a passion for wildlife as well as substantial experience of setting and overseeing budgets, meeting KPI's and targets, successfully managing and delivering interpretation projects and experience of critically analysing learning programmes.

Candidates must hold a third level qualification in education or have substantial experience in environmental/conservation education and proven experience in a community engagement, conservation/zoo education, or related role at senior management level.

A passion for wildlife, sustainable living and an understanding of conservation is essential.

Applications should be made via the Dublin Zoo website

www.dublinozoo.ie/careers

no later than 12noon on Thursday 25th April 2024.

A job description is available upon request.

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