

London Zoo Careers Courses

For all audiences:

Animal Careers Talk or Assembly

How do you get a job working with wildlife? What kinds of jobs are available? In our Animal Careers workshop, students learn about the wide range of careers available at London Zoo, the oldest scientific zoo in the world and part of international wildlife conservation organisation, ZSL.

During this workshop students will consider the key skills needed for certain careers, covering keepers, vets, conservation and research work abroad. They'll take part in some interactive discussions, learn about transferable skills and find out how important practical experience is in the world of animal work.



Age Group: Upper KS2 to Post 16 (9-18 yrs old)

Location: Onsite at London Zoo or Outreach in your school

Duration: 25 minutes assembly or 45 mins session

Capacity: 35 students per class, 200 per assembly

Price: Assembly: Free, included in the EAS

Workshop: £36

Careers Fairs

If you are a school in Camden or Westminster, or elsewhere in London with FSM% higher than 31%, we would be happy to attend your careers fair or event!

Whether with or without a stand, depending on your event, we can reveal to students the wide range of careers possible within the animal care and conservation sector and discuss how they can pursue their goals.

Age Group: KS3 to Post 16 (11-18 yrs old)

Location: Outreach in your school

Price: Free – Included in the EAS



CREST Discovery Award: Inspiring Change - Designing an Eco Campaign with London Zoo

Want to help make the planet a better place, all while getting nose-to-nose with spectacular species from around the world? Developed as part as British Science Association's CREST award, during this programme students are tasked with developing a pro-environmental behaviour change campaign.

After exploring the zoo and investigating the threats many habitats are facing around the world, students will learn all about the psychology or behaviour change and set to work deciding on a campaign that could make change in their community. After pitching it back to the group, the best campaign is chosen – and can even be used back at school with the Zoo's support.

Age Group: Ages 10-14 yrs old

Location: Onsite at London Zoo

Duration: One five hour workshop, or split into five one hour workshops.

Capacity: 35 students per class

Price: £3 per student + £180 delivery (delivery fee waived if your school's FSM is above 31%).

Experience of Work Day – Enclosure Design and Conservation Storytelling

In our experience of work days, students will be introduced to the diversity of roles that exist at a conservation charity and zoo, and how all skills are needed in creating a world where wildlife thrives.

Following an introduction to career pathways, they investigate the design and storytelling present at enclosures around the zoo, before working in groups to design a zoo habitat for an endangered species. They will take on the roles of the zoos architects, project managers, zoo keepers and design team as they consider the needs of the different stakeholder groups involved in designing the perfect home - all while considering how it can tell the species' conservation story.

At the end of the day they will pitch these to the rest of the group, with the winning desing being chosen.

This is used by some schools as an alternative for those who don't have work experience.

Age Group: Ages 14-17 yrs old

Location: Onsite at London Zoo

Duration: One five hour workshop, or split into five one hour workshops.

Capacity: 35 students per class – can host in lecture theatre for up to 90

Price: £180 delivery (delivery fee waived if your school's FSM is above 31%).



For SEND audiences:

Jobs at the Zoo Course

In *Jobs at the Zoo*, students will learn about the threats facing wildlife, and the role of zoos in protecting them. Each week, students will be introduced to a new job role at the zoo, all working for wildlife. They'll learn about the purpose of the role, then take part in a hands on activity to gain first-hand experience of work. Jobs include zookeeping, grounds maintenance, retail and fundraising.

Age Group: 16+ with mild to moderate SEN

Location: At the zoo

Duration: 8 hour long workshops – 30mins learning and 30mins hands on activity

Capacity: 4 students minimum, 10 students maximum

Price: £288 delivery fee (one course included in the EAS membership for specialist SEND Schools)

For Youth Groups or Alternative Provision audiences:

Our award-winning programmes for PRU learners are designed to be practical, dynamic and flexible to meet the learners needs on any given day. The zoo provides a uniquely engaging environment which helps to focus students on hands on tasks.

Our courses introduce students to careers at the zoo using practical hands on activities, from food preparation to enclosure design.

Each course is tailored specifically to the needs of the group, but courses usually run as six or eight 2-hour sessions, split over a number of weeks.

If you are part of a Youth Group, Pupil Referral Unit or Alternative Provision, we could have the perfect course or day for your students. Our capacity for these courses is limited, and priority is given to organisations in our local area of Camden and Westminster.

One course is included in EAS membership. The price of each tailored course beyond this is variable depending on the number of pupils, length of each session and duration of the course, but roughly works out at £36 per hour.

Get in touch for more information – email workexperience@zsl.org

