

MONDAY 17 MARCH

9:00 - 16:30

EAZA ACADEMY WORKSHOP

A Deeper Dive: Ocean Literacy in your Zoo or Aquarium. *Nóirín Burke, Galway Atlantaquaria, Ireland & Jessica Briggs, Ocean Conservation Trust, UK.*

Conservation Education Hub, Chester Zoo. *This workshop requires separate registration.*

18:00 - 20:30

ICEBREAKER EVENT

The Garret Bar, Storyhouse, Chester
Light snacks & drinks included

Attendance must be indicated on the ECC25 registration form.

TUESDAY 18 MARCH

Contributing to Global Agendas & Evidencing Impact

8:15 - 8:45

REGISTRATION

Poster set up and workshop sign up

ATRIUM

9:00 - 9:25

WELCOME

Jamie Christon, Chief Executive Officer, Chester Zoo
Charlotte Smith, Director of Conservation Education, Chester
Antonieta Costa, Chair, EAZA Conservation Education Committee

9:25 - 9:40

IZE update. *Judy Mann-Lang, President, International Zoo Educators Association*

9:40-10:25

PLENARY

Diana Garlytska, IUCN

10:25 - 10:55

REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00-11:20

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Impact of Conservation Education on the Revival of Cheer Pheasant Populations in Machiara National Park, Kashmir, Himalayas, Pakistan. *Muhammad Naeem Awan, World Pheasant Association, Pakistan*

Tallinn Zoo: Connecting Urban Children with Nature. Irina Trubetskova. *Irina Trubetskova, Tallinn Zoo, Estonia*

Bridging Worlds for Conservation: Enhancing In Situ Impact Through Community Education and International Collaboration. *Ricardo Chana, Natuwa Wildlife Sanctuary, Portugal*

You won't believe what these kids are up to these days!...Conservation. *Valerie Syrowicz, La Aurora Zoo, Guatemala*

ATRIUM

11:20 - 12:00

PRESENTATIONS

Whispering against evidence – how behaviour measures debunk self reported data. *João Neves, Zoomarine Algarve, Portugal*

The effectiveness of Public Talks in communicating sustainable actions to zoo visitors at Parco Natura Viva (Bussolengo, VR-Italy). *Katia Dell'Aira, Parco Natura Viva - Garda Zoological Park (Bussolengo-Verona), Italy*

Testing the Virtual Population Theory: the impact of Virtual and Zoo experiences on shaping visitors' perceptions of charismatic species' conservation status. *Andrea Rizzardi Orlandi, Zoom Torino, Italy*

Secret soil: methodologies and outcomes of a conservation education programme. *Carolina Castagni, Giardino zoologico di Pistoia, Italy*

Protecting pollinators: Bee Friends Project. *Michela Cogo, Zoom Torino, Italy*

12:00- 13:00

LUNCH & Optional activities



ATRIUM

13:05 - 14:25

WORKSHOP

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14:25 - 14:55

REFRESHMENT BREAK & Optional activities

ATRIUM

15:00 - 15:25

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

How describe to animal species to deaf people? Problems and solutions. *Remigiusz Koziński, Zoo Poznań (City of Poznań - Zoological Garden), Poland*

New educational game and online platform, focusing on endangered species of Sofia Zoo. *Katerina Zareva-Simeonova, Christina Todorova-Filipova & Natalie Haralampieva, Sofia Zoo, Bulgaria*

Non-linear, bitesize story telling at Scotland's Wildlife Discovery Centre. *Beccy Angus, The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, Scotland*

Learning with RZSS; creating stronger connections with nature. *Phill Mathis, The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, Scotland*

"Humans," a campaign raising awareness about climate change, is based on mobile education that brings science to all audiences and encourages taking action to "change the change". *Mario Romero Deltoro & David Nacher Marti, Oceanographic, Valencia*



15:25 - 16:10

PRESENTATIONS

Planning a Wildlife Rehabilitation Center from an Educators Perspective: The Hedgehog Center at Walter Zoo. *Elia Heule, Walter Zoo, Switzerland*

Conservation can be fun - roll the dice to preserve biodiversity. *Ana Milković Opašić, Zoological Garden of Zagreb, Croatia*

Hide your vegetables, conservation through play! *Rosie Crowther, ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, UK*

The power of music to deliver blue education and public engagement: the experience of Galway Atlantaquaria in Ireland. *Maria Vittoria Marra, Galway Atlantaquaria, Ireland*



MASTERCLASSES & DISCUSSION SESSIONS

THE SMITHY, THE SQUARE

16:20 - 17:50

Recognising and developing your specific Leadership skills – what skills are needed to progress and how are you going to develop your skills in leadership. *Cat Hickey, ZSL, UK; Aileen Tennant, Fota Wildlife Park, Ireland; Becky Angus, RZSS, Scotland; Charlotte Smith, Chester Zoo, UK*

THE TACK ROOM, THE SQUARE

Using nature connectedness to engage people with conservation, enhance wellbeing and evidence impact. *Stephanie Pace, Zoological Society of London, UK*

CONSERVATION EDUCATION HUB A

Nurturing wellbeing in nature through zoos and aquariums *Sarah Thomas, Auckland Zoo, New Zealand*

CONSERVATION EDUCATION HUB B

How in situ conservation projects can be highlighted by education and communication? *Tatiana Beuchat, Bioparc Zoo de Doué la Fontaine, France*

CONSERVATION EDUCATION HUB C

Evaluation data analysis and statistics for beginners. *Andy Moss & Liz Webb, Chester Zoo, UK*

TBC

SOCIAL EVENING



8:15 - 8:50

COFFEE SOCIAL

Plus registration and poster set up

ATRIUM

9:00 - 9:55

PLENARY

Empowering Future Leaders: The Role of Zoos and Aquaria in Bridging Global Conservation and Youth Voice.

Arianna Abdul-Nour, Island Innovation

9:55 - 10:10

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

3 unique programs that take a different approach on how we engage with students and increase their wellbeing while learning about animals and conservation. *Chaya Cynamon & Zinab Alyan, The Tisch Family Zoological Gardens, Israel*

Wellbeing Through Wildlife: Connecting Communities to Nature. *Nicola Watson & Phil Watson, Knowsley Safari, UK*

10:10 - 10:40

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:45 - 11:40

PLENARY

Towards a true Zootopia: The Role of Zoos and their Wildlife in Promoting Nature Connectedness for their Visitors' Wellbeing and Pro-Nature Behaviours. *Ryan Lumber, Nottingham Trent University, UK*

11:40 - 12:15

PRESENTATIONS

Meeting Global Biodiversity Targets: Nature Connection and Wellbeing. *Bridget Johnson, Chester Zoo, UK*

Educational activities and rehabilitation of combatants in Ukrainian zoos during wartime. *Uljana Kalazny, Mykolaiv Zoo, Ukraine*

Reconnecting Society with Nature: Empowering Vulnerable Communities Through Environmental Education. *Alicia Borque Espinosa, Spain*

Inclusivity at the Zoo - Methods to make the Zoo accessible to everyone. Dolores Mancini & Elena Pez, Parco Zoo Punta Verde, Italy

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LUNCH

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CHESTER ZOO - TAKEOVER EVENTS AND NATURE CONNECTION EXPERIENCES

ATRIUM

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PRESENTATIONS

"Continuous Evaluation and Training Model for Marine Educators at the Oceanário de Lisboa" *Susana Canteiro, Oceanário de Lisboa, Portugal*

IZE Cultivating Conservation Education Leaders and the WAZA Social Change for Conservation Strategy. *Aileen Tennant, International Zoo Educators Association and Fota Wildlife Park, Ireland*

Volunteer planning for conservation education. *Niamh Potter, Dublin Zoo, Ireland*

From saving 2 aquaria to saving and reintroduction of sea trout in the north of the Netherlands and UNESCO Wadden Sea. *Klaas Jan Leinenga, AquaZoo Leeuwarden, Netherlands*

9:35 - 10:35

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP PANEL & DELEGATE DISCUSSION

Jamie Christon, Director, Chester Zoo

Esme Ward, Director, Manchester Museum

Karen Fifield, Chief Executive, Te Nukua Wellington Zoo; President, WAZA

Christoph Schwitzer, Director, Dublin Zoo

Myfanwy Griffith, Executive Director, EAZA

10:35 - 11:05

REFRESHMENT BREAK



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MASTERCLASSES & DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Masterclass on describing and evaluating zoo-led interventions.
Xavier McNally, Chester Zoo, UK

Building active conservation education advocates teams.
Antonieta Costa & Diogo Gomes, Jardim Zoológico de Lisboa, Portugal

Breaking Barriers for Inclusive Community Engagement in Conservation: Our Approach at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland.
Phill Mathis, Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, Scotland

Beyond species conservation: exploring a paradigm shift in the purposes of zoos and aquariums.
Sarah Thomas, Auckland Zoo, New Zealand

Engaging People With Conservation - Being an Effective Communicator, Having F.U.N. and 'Making A Difference'.
Stephen P Woollard, ZooStephen.com, UK

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Green Workshop and „Our Zoo” - tradition and innovation in the educational programs of the Budapest Zoo & Botanical Garden.
András Botond Györy, Budapest Zoo & Botanical Garden, Hungary

Involve visitors in conservation through an immersive game: a night-time escape game.
Camille Fluzin, Parc Animalier d'Auvergne, France

Bridging the Gap between Information and Understanding at the Ark Discovery House at Leipzig Zoo - A Case Study on implementing educational content about species protection and ensuring ESD global goals by supporting visitors to understand their own responsibilities within the matter.
Ivo Zibulla, ungestalt GmbH, Germany

Final Destination: Delivering innovative careers education in zoos and aquariums.
Chris Eley, Hertfordshire Zoo, UK



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PRESENTATIONS & FACILITATED DISCUSSION

YOUTH VOICE

Equitable Access to Careers in Conservation – a Co-produced Study with the ZSL Youth Advisory Board. *Holly Bestley, Zoological Society of London, UK*

Chester Zoo's Youth Board: Engaging Young People in Conservation. *Penny Griffin, Chester Zoo, UK*

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DIGITAL AGE

Enhance visitor experiences with Pictum, an AI technology that informs, raises awareness, and entertains in real-time about marine life. *Delphine Mallet, New Caledonia*

Digital education from the zoo. *Helene Axelsen, Kristiansand dyrepark, Norway*

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PRESENTATIONS

Small Zoo, great impact - Zoo am Meer Bremerhaven performs sustainable conservation education. *Antje Mewes, Zoo am Meer Bremerhaven, Germany*

Empowering Youth through Conservation: The Collaboration Between Lisbon Zoo and the Portuguese Scouting Movement. *Diogo Gomes, Lisbon Zoo, Portugal*

Educational materials about the World's bears for non-professionals. *Zsuzsa Petró, Sóstó Zoo / Nyíregyházi Állatpark, Hungary*

16:15- 17:45

POSTER PRESENTATION & WORKSHOP

A Vietnamazing Day - Become a Guardian of Vietnam's Biodiversity for a Day. *Massimiliano Di Giovanni, Manuela Scolavino & Monica Amadio, Fondazione Bioparco di Roma, Italy*

Engaging educators in EAZA campaigns. *Tomislav Krizmanic, Zoological Garden of Zagreb, Croatia*

17:45 - 18:00

CLOSING SESSION

19:00 - 24:00

FAREWELL DINNER

Grosvenor Hotel, Chester



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