

Work Experience Offered in BIAZA Collections

Collection	Who offered to?	Details	Contact details
Africa Alive!	Must be 16+ and studying animal-related courses at college.	Animal Management Department (usually on all sections) placements. Day-release placements.	Haylee Parker Head Keeper Africa Alive! White's Lane Kessingland Suffolk NR33 7TF
Banham Zoo	Must be 16+ and is only for students on animal-related courses at National Diploma level or higher	Animal Management Department (usually on all sections) placements. Daily placements on Saturday or Sunday for a minimum of 10 days and a maximum of 30 days. Block placements Monday – Friday for a minimum of two weeks. Application form must be completed by the students and their college prior to confirming the placement.	Clare Jenkinson Banham Zoo The Grove Banham Norfolk NR16 2HE
Battersea Park Children's Zoo	Must be 6 th form + and doing a relevant course.	Farm (domestics) placements, minimum either 4 week blocks or daily for 3 month period.	Catherine Salmon, Battersea Park Children's Zoo Battersea Park London. SW11 4NJ. 0207 9245826

			animals@batterseaparkzoo.co.uk
Belfast Zoological Gardens	Must be 17+.	Experience offered in animal keeping, administration and marketing. Varying lengths from 1 week to 1 year. Must be applied for via Belfast City Council	David Goodwin Belfast City Council Human Resources Department. Cecil Ward Building 4-10 Linenhall Street Belfast BT2 8BP. Phone: 028 9032 0202
Birdland	Must be 14+	Experience offered in birds, gardens and shop. Minimum 1 week placement (adapted to requirements)	Alistair Keen Birdland Rissington Road Bourton-on-the-Water Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL54 2BN
Birdworld	Must be 16+	Placements in Bird sections, Education /Presentation dept. and Farm - block-weekly/fortnightly	Julia Pateman Personnel Department Birdworld Holt Pound Farnham Surrey GU10 4LD
Birmingham Nature Centre	Must be 14+.	Animal care placements. School work experience 1 or 2 weeks blocks, College placements 1 day a week throughout the academic year.	Val Baxter/Val Bailey/Jayne Harfield Birmingham Nature Centre Pershore Road Birmingham B5 7RL
Blackpool Zoo Park	Must be 18+.	Keeping experience offered in 1 of 4 sections	Research Coordinator

	priority given to those on animal based courses.	(large mammals, birds and reptiles, elephants and primates) as well as education, marketing and retail. Daily placements and block placements available all year.	Blackpool Zoo East Park Drive Blackpool FY3 8PP
Blue Planet Aquarium	Must 16+	16+ - day placements - all aspects of the aquarium departments, e.g. zoological, catering, office etc 18+ - block placements - zoological. Tank maintenance, servicing equipment, assisting with veterinary, feeding, fish transport/acclimatisation, breeding etc	Andrea Redfern Ranger and Exhibits Manager, Blue Planet Aquarium, Cheshire Oaks, Ellesmereport CH65 9LF andrear@blueplanetaquarium.co.uk
Brent Lodge Park Animal Centre	School / college placements – 14+, other must be 18+	Animal husbandry plus occasional marketing work experience at events etc. LBE Parks Service also offers work experience with park ranger teams. 1 or 2 week blocks or volunteering days.	Susie Perry Brent Lodge Park Animal Centre Brent Lodge Park Church Road Hanwell London W7 3BL perrys@ealing.gov.uk
Camperdown Wildlife Centre	Must be 16+	Placements in all safe areas, schedule is timetable dependent.	Aileen Whitelaw Camperdown Wildlife Centre Camperdown Country Park Coupar Angus Road Dundee DD2 4TF
Chessington World of Adventures & Zoo	Must be 16+	Block placements in all areas, minimum 1 week.	Tracy Cork Zoo Secretary

			Chessington Zoo Leatherhead Road Chessington Surrey KT9 2NE Tel: 01372 731500
Chester Zoo – North of England Zoological Society	Must be 17+ and completed A' Levels – this is primarily for veterinary science or zoology undergraduates	Experience offered on all animal sections, however no short term placements on primate, elephant or reptile sections. Minimum 1 month placement (5 days per week inc every other weekend.)	Personnel Dept Cedar House Caughall Road Upton-by-Chester CHESTER CH2 1LH (Write requesting a work experience application form and enclose an send an SAE)
Colchester Zoo	Must be 15+	Animal care / husbandry block placements (for animal care students of selected colleges only) Catering & retail - (standard school two week placement).	Elizabeth Saunders (HR department) Colchester Zoo Maldon Road Stanway Essex CO3 0SL
Cricket St Thomas Wildlife Park	Must be 16+	Infrequent placements for individuals who are able to offer along term commitment (over 2 months).	Cricket St. Thomas Wildlife Park Cricket St. Thomas Chard Somerset TA20 4DD
Deep Sea World	Must be 15+	Mainly in zoo (have done other areas.) Weekly	Chris Smith

		school work experience, college 4 and 8 week placements, one day each week placements available. Also hosted 13 week Princes Trust placements.	Deep Sea World North Queensferry Fife KY11 1JR
The Deep	Must be 14+ / 18+ in some areas	One week Year 10 placements in all areas of the attraction except the aquarists which is a special work placement for over 18's.	Susan Hornby The Deep Tower Street Hull HU1 4DP Susan.hornby@thedeeep.co.uk
Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust	Must be 18+	Minimum of two months up to a maximum of year in length. Placements are available in all the animal departments and allow students to assist with husbandry and daily routines. 5 day week with two consecutive days off.	Catherine Burrows International Training Centre Durrell La Profonde Rue Trinity Jersey, JE3 5BP 01534 860037 Catherine.Burrows@durrell.org
Exmoor Zoological Park	No minimum age if placed through an educational establishment, otherwise must be 16+	Experience offered in animal husbandry (keeper) and in Educational Department Daily and block placements available to a maximum of 3 placements on any one day.	Danny Reynolds Curator Exmoor Zoological Park South Stowford Bratton Fleming Barnstaple North Devon EX31 4SG Tel: 01598 763352 Website; www.exmoorzoo.co.uk

			Email; exmoorzoo@btconnect.com
Folly Farm	Must be 18+	Experience offered in Zoo, Farm, Food & Beverage, Retail and Fairground. Offered in block placements, must be for 2 weeks or more and is subject to a successful application and interview.	Kate Beynon Folly Farm Leisure Ltd Begelly Kilgetty Pembrokeshire SA68 0XA
Fota Wildlife Park	Must be 16+	Experience available in Education Dept and as General Assistant to the Wildlife Wardens. Offered in weekly block placements (maximum 6 weeks).	Lynda McSweeney Walsh, Head of Education Tony O'Dwyer, Park Operations Manager Fota Wildlife Park Carrigtwohill Co. Cork Ireland Phone 00353 21 4812678 Lynda (ext 206) Tony (ext 204)
Hawk Conservancy Trust	ND (or higher) students on animal / conservation course. Must be 16+	Summer season (Mid Feb-end Oct) experience - Basic husbandry and bird handling. Some public interaction during displays; research work if relevant. Vet students spend time with vet. Winter season (Nov-Mid Feb) – maintenance, basic husbandry, some bird handling. Usually block placements of 2-4 weeks. 4 students max at any time.	Jane Robertson The Hawk Conservancy Trust Andover Hampshire SP11 8DY Works tel: 01264 773850 email: jerobert@hotmail.co.uk . (email best contact)
Isle of Wight Zoo	Must be 18+	Animal care - divided between primate and cat sections.	Work Experience Administrator Isle of Wight Zoo Yaverland Seafront Sandown

			Isle of Wight PO36 8QB enquiries@isleofwightzoo.com
Kirkleatham Owl Centre	Must be 16+	Daily and block placements for individuals on animal based courses (General Animal Care, BTEC First Dip. Animal Care & BTEC Nat. Dip. Animal Management).	Stan Whalley Kirkleatham Owl Centre Kirkleatham Village Redcar North Yorkshire TS10 5NW
Knowsley Safari Park	Must be 18+	Experience offered in Education Department. Safari Drive and Visitor Services. Minimum 2 week blocks except Safari Drive – minimum 4 weeks.	Terri McShane Human Resource Manager Knowsley Safari Park Prescot Merseyside L34 4AN
Lakeland Wildlife Oasis	Minimum age as schools schemes dictates.	Experience offered in all areas for one day per week (colleges) and one week block (schools).	Jo Marsden Lakeland Wildlife Oasis Hale Milnthorpe Cumbria LA7 7FE
Living Coasts	<i>currently only undergraduates upward</i>	Research projects with conservation / science dept only at present	Clare Davies Living Coasts Torquay Harbourside Beacon Quay Torquay Devon TQ1 2BG

			clare.davies@livingcoasts.org.uk
The Living Rainforest	Must be 17+	Placements in Animal & Plant Departments Daily placements available but block placements are preferred.	Alex Miley The Living Rainforest Hampstead Norreys Newbury Berkshire RG18 0TN alex@livingrainforest.org 01635 202 444 ex14
Lotherton Hall Bird Garden	Must be 18+.	Experience offered in Animal Husbandry and Grounds Maintenance, block and daily available.	Peter Quince (manager) Lotherton Bird Garden Towton Road Leeds LS25 3EB 01132 811293 / 07891 270847 Peter.quince@leeds.gov.uk
Marwell Zoological Park	<i>Currently only for Sparsholt animal care / welfare students or veterinary university students</i>	Keeper experience (Feb - Sept), 1 or 2 week placements. Sparsholt students apply to college (by Dec); vet students must apply by Sept in prior year.	Debbie Pearson Marwell Zoological Park Colden Common Winchester Hampshire SO21 1JH debbiep@marwell.org.uk
New Forest Otter, Owl & Wildlife Conservation Park	Must be 18+ and studying an animal related course.	Animal keeping, usually for 2 weeks.	Shanna Dymond Senior Keeper New Forest Otter, Owl & Wildlife Conservation Park Deerleap Lane

			Longdown Ashurst Southampton Hampshire SO4 4UH
Newquay Zoo	Must be 16+ (except Yr 10)	Mainly keeping placements, also gardening and occasional shop / restaurant. One week, one day per week, one month available.	Katherine Tofield Education Officer Newquay Zoo Trenance Gardens Newquay Cornwall TR7 2LZ
Noah's Ark Zoo Farm	Must 13+	Animal care, grounds team and building team placements, will be marketing and possibly education soon as well. Variety of lengths offered.	Sadie Garland Work Experience Coordinator Noah's Ark Zoo Farm Clevedon Road Wraxall Bristol BS48 1PG
Paradise Wildlife Park	For Yr 10 & college/vet students.	Keeping placements - paddocks, birds, farmyard & small mammals Daily and block placements available.	Jan Hooper Paradise Wildlife Park White Stubbs Lane Broxbourne Herts. EN10 7QA
The Raptor Foundation	Must be 14+	Animal husbandry, feeding, cleaning. Must be 14+	Liz McQuillan The Heath

		Hospital cleaning, administering drugs Must be veterinary student	St Ives Road Woodhurst Cambridgeshire PE28 3BT
RZSS – Highland Wildlife Park		Experience with animal husbandry and volunteers (sometimes + free accommodation) Block...negotiable (unpaid, possibly free accommodation)	Simon Munro/Morag Sellar, Highland Wildlife Park, Kincaig, By Kingussie, Invernessshire PH21 1NL. 01540-651270
Scottish African Safari Park (Blair Drummond)	Must be 18+	Block placements offered for experience with Pets Farm, Lemur Land, large mammals, birds of prey and sea lions.	David Booth Chief Game Warden Blair Drummond Safari Park Near Stirling Scotland FK9 4UR
Shepreth Wildlife Park	Must be 18+	Experience offered in all areas except big cats, primates & raccoons. Block (minimum 3 weeks) & one day a week (minimum 3 months) placements available.	Rebecca Willers Animal Collection Manager Shepreth Wildlife Park Shepreth SG8 6PZ
Tropiquaria Wildlife Park	Must be 15+ (limited animal contact), 16+ = greater contact	Experience offered in all areas, as block (week or month) or daily i.e. 1 day per week for several months (mainly for Nat. Diploma Animal Management).	Chris Moiser Tropiquaria Washford Cross Watchet Somerset TA23 0QB
Trotters World of	Must be 16+	Work experience duties may vary, but generally	Fran Foster

Animals		<p>students assist the staff and keepers in the total care of the Wildlife Park, including;</p> <p>Cleaning (& plenty of it including windows, food utensils, faeces, exhibits etc)</p> <p>Preparing & distributing food (animal & human!)</p> <p>Observing and recording information</p> <p>Minor exhibit repairs and refurbishment</p> <p>Assisting with public presentations or keeper talks</p> <p>Length arranged individually to suit requirements.</p>	<p>Trotters World of Animals</p> <p>Coalbeck Farm</p> <p>Bassenthwaite</p> <p>Keswick</p> <p>Cumbria</p> <p>CA12 4RD</p>
Twycross Zoo – East Midland Zoological Society	Must be 17+	<p>Keeping & education placements</p> <p>Daily / block placements available</p>	<p>Neil Dorman</p> <p>Twycross Zoo</p> <p>Burton Road</p> <p>Nr Atherstone</p> <p>CV9 3PX</p>
Welsh Mountain Zoo – ZSW	Must be 16+ and have completed GCSE year at school.	<p>Experience offered in the Animal Department and Gardening Department, minimum of 2 weeks / up to 1 year.</p> <p>Only 4 work experience placements are available at any one time and only 2 under 18 year olds can be taken at any one time.</p>	<p>Peter Litherland</p> <p>Head Keeper</p> <p>Welsh Mountain Zoo</p> <p>Old Highway</p> <p>Colwyn Bay</p> <p>Conwy</p> <p>LL28 5UY</p>
West Midland Safari and Leisure Park	Minimum age of 15years. Must be a student in formal education.	<p>Animal keeping:</p> <p>Carnivores (tigers, lions, wolves and wild dogs)</p> <p>Hoof stock (giraffes, rhinos, zebra, cattle)</p> <p>Discovery Zone (sea lions, reptile house, aquarium, creepy crawlies, twilight cave)</p> <p>No work experience with elephants.</p>	<p>Assistant Director of Wildlife</p> <p>West Midland Safari and Leisure Park</p> <p>Spring Grove</p> <p>Bewdley</p> <p>Worcestershire</p> <p>DY12 1LF</p>

		Daily placements (one day a week) or block placements (minimum one week). Places are very limited.	
Wildwood Trust	Must be 16+ (18+ for animal keeping)	Animal keeping – most sections but no contact with large carnivores. 1 day per week or block placements, minimum 1 week. Must be 18+ (students on animal courses given priority). Education – most activities – NC history and science, woodland ecology, leisure & tourism. 1 – 5 day placements for school pupils, longer if required for school / university students. Must be 16+, limited places (little animal contact).	Animals: Cali Bebbington keepers@wildwoodtrust.org Education: Anne Riddell anne@wildwoodtrust.org Wildwood Trust Herne Common Herne Bay Kent CT6 7LQ Tel: 01227 212111
Woburn Safari Park	Must be 17+	Animal Encounters (where smaller exotic animals are kept) placements – minimum 6 weeks.	Adele Clegg Head of Learning Woburn Safari Park Woburn Beds MK17 9QN
World of Owls		Varying lengths and positions	Mike Gibb World of Owls Centre Randalstown Forest Co. Antrim BT41 3LE
WWT Arundel	Must be 18+	Wildfowl feeding / welfare, conservation related tasks and grounds maintenance. Varying lengths to suit individual.	Paul Stevens Arundel Wetlands Centre WWT Arundel Mill Road

			Arundel BN18 9PB
WWT National Wetland Centre Wales (Llanelli)	Must be 15+	Experience offered in all areas of visitor centre: grounds; reserve; education; café; shop; office & admin. Usually for 5 days and primarily for local schools, colleges and universities.	Eleanor Keatley Office Manager WWT National Wetland Centre Wales Llwynhendy Llanelli Carms SA14 9SH
WWT Slimbridge	Must be 16+	Areas of experience include aviculture wardening, horticulture wardening (includes Tropical House), reserve wardening, Toad Hall, Education, Visitor Services, marketing and administration. Block placements of between one and two weeks (five working days per week).	Kerry Frazer Centre Office Manager Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Slimbridge Glos GL2 7BT
WWT Washington	Usually for Years 10 and 11 (14-16 yr old)	Experience available in reserve management, animal management and retail. Usually a one or two week block. Some students may work for one day per week over a longer period.	Chris Francis Centre Manager Washington Wetland Centre Pattinson Washington NE38 8LE
ZSL – London Zoo	For Year 10 and post-16.	Areas of experience include: Birds, Herpetology, Aquatics, Small mammals, Large mammals, Primates, Invertebrates. There are also limited places available in the Horticultural department and Veterinary department. 2 week block placements on all animal sections	Education Centre ZSL London Zoo Regent's Park London NW1 4RY

		Veterinary and Horticultural placements may be longer.	
ZSL – Whipsnade Zoo	Must be 16+	Animal keeping in five regions which include Asia, Africa, Europe/Activities, Bird Section, Discovery Centre (housing all herps, insects, fish and small mammals). 2 week block placements (Monday – Friday).	Mrs Dena Richards ZSL Whipsnade Zoo Dunstable Bedfordshire LU6 2LF