

**Sunday 31st July to Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016**

**SHAPE Instructors: Mark Kingston Jones and Chris Hales - accredited by BIAZA**

We are pleased to announce that the 31<sup>st</sup> Student Environmental Enrichment Course, will be hosted by Belfast Zoo, one of Northern Ireland's leading visitor attractions located in North Belfast and home to over 1,000 animals and 150 species. Mark has been involved in the animal welfare field since 2004. He now works as a self-employed SHAPE Workshop Coordinator, having previously worked at Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks, as Head of Education and Research. In addition to running 20+ previous SEECs, he has been involved in 15 SHAPE workshops, in the UK, Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia and Africa, and is the SHAPE-UK & Ireland Events Co-ordinator. As well as being an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Kent and an external adviser on the PASA Captive Care Committee, he has presented 33 talks and workshops on topics relating to animal welfare at conferences, both nationally and internationally. Chris has also been an Instructor on 20+ SEECs, having previously been a Keeper at Port Lympne for over 15 years, with experience working with a multitude of taxa. Chris is a SHAPE Instructor having taught on 4 SHAPE workshops, including a small carnivore workshop in Brazil. With a wide range of experience in the field of husbandry and enrichment, he specialises in carnivore enrichment, which he has presented on at 5 national and international conferences. He is the SHAPE-UK & Ireland Facebook Group Co-ordinator.

This course is designed around the SHAPE format and accredited by the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA). It is aimed specifically at college and university students (past or present) who do not currently work within a zoo setting, but are looking to do so as a career. Over 3½ days students will gain a background in animal welfare and enrichment, as well as providing practical skills in designing, building and testing enrichment within the settings of a working animal collection. Our aim is to provide valuable experience and an overview of additional useful skills to a would-be keeper's CV. Please note you must be 18 or over to attend this course.

The course is roughly split between lecture and practical components. Lecture topics include: Animal welfare, enrichment overview, husbandry and learning and breaking into the zoo world. Short talks will focus on carnivore, primate, and ungulate enrichment. Additionally, there will be practicals involving animal learning, and working with rope and fire hose. The final day of the course will result in the application of all these principles as delegates are split into groups, allowing you the opportunity to design, build and test enrichment with the collection's animals.

Please note, to keep course costs down, delegates are required to provide their own lunches and can either bring their own or purchase food from the on site catering facilities. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

The workshop registration fee of £150 includes workshop materials over the 3½ days (Sunday 11.30am-5pm, Monday to Wednesday 9am-5pm), plus drinks and biscuits during the scheduled tea breaks.

Ranked as 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rated training provider on Coursescheck for 2015. For reviews and feedback on previous courses please visit: <http://bit.ly/SEECCourseCheck>

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