BIAZA
BRITISH & IRISH ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS & AQUARIUMS

BIAZA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

17-19 June | Jimmy's Farm & Wildlife Park

JIMMY'S FARM & WILDLIFE PARK
Share the good life

17 June - 19:00 Welcome Reception

Coaches will collect from Belstead Brook and Holiday Inn Ipswich at 18:30

18 June - Day 1

Coaches will collect from Belstead Brook and Holiday Inn at 9:15am and drop at the Main Zoo Entrance.

9:45 Registration - In the tent

10:00 Session 1: Intro & Update

Welcome to Jimmy's Farm & Wildlife Park - *Stevie Sheppard & Jimmy Doherty*

Message from the zoos' Minister - *Baroness Hayman*

A holistic approach to investigating the welfare needs of captive polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) - *Kristine Gandia, University of Stirling*

Sustainability - *EISWG*

Tea & Coffee break

11:30 Session 2: BIAZA business

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BIAZA in Action: Celebrating Our Shared Progress - *Dr Jo Judge, BIAZA*

Trunks, Transfers & Triumphs: A Year in Public Affairs - *Rob Comley & Cameron Stephenson, Public Affairs Working Group*

What the standards mean for you - *Dr Jo Judge, BIAZA*

Regency changes for our sector - *Louisa Noble, Regency*

Lunch

14:25 Session 3: Community collaboration

Community Game

Suffolk New College Partnerships - *Helen Pearson, Suffolk New College*

Hosting days for the community - *Chris Wilkinson, Noah's Ark Zoo Farm*

Blue Mind Hub - *Freyja Thomson-Alberts, The Ocean Conservation Trust*

Tea & Coffee break

16:10 Session 4: Moving Forward

The future of digital conservation - *Anthony Rawlins, Navigate*

Tours, Street party & BBQ - Coaches will collect from Main Entrance at 22:30 to hotels.

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19 June - Day 2

Coaches will collect from Belstead Brook and Holiday Inn at 9:15am and drop at the Main Zoo Entrance.

10:00 Session 5: Wider Animal Community

- Storytelling in Conservation - *Jess French*
- Lion rescue - *Cam Whitnall, Hertfordshire Zoo & Big Cat Sanctuary*
- EAZA activities - *Tomasz Rusek, EAZA*
- CITES - *TBC*
- Tea & Coffee break

11:30 Session 6: Animal Health & Welfare

- Accreditation case study - *Shani Ratnayake, Sparsholt College & Cerian Tatchley, BIAZA*
- The big 4 - *Deana Stephens, BIAZA*
- ShareSavvy campaign - *Jamie Baker & Lizzy Humphries, Battersea Children's Zoo*
- Visitor experiences - *Ian Rodgerson & Alice Hurley, Bristol Zoo Project*
- Safe 4 changes for our sector - *Oliver Stockwin, Safe4*
- Lunch

13:50 Session 7: Community & Commercial

- Game - *Jimmy Doherty*
- Ticketing as a Tool - *Commercial Working Group*
- Education in the Community (Zoo School) - *Ian Bartlett & Sara Goatcher, ZSEA & Rosalind Robinson, Kinsale Junior School (part of the Wensum Trust)*
- Monkeying Around with AI: For Directors, Keepers, and Everyone In Between - *Leon Bamforth*
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- Tea & Coffee break

15:55 Session 8: Conservation

- Grevy's Zebra - *Will Justice, Marwell Zoo*
- Together for Conservation: WildCats Conservation Alliance - *Esther Conway, WildCats Conservation Alliance*
- Where's Harvey - *BIAZA*
- Sum up - *Dr Jo Judge, BIAZA*

Coaches will collect from the Main Zoo Entrance to hotels at 16:45
Coaches will collect from Belstead Brook and Holiday Inn at 18:30 to the zoo entrance.

19:00 Gala Dinner

Coaches will collect from the zoo entrance to hotels at midnight.

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