BIAZA Plant Working Group Conference 2025

Welsh Mountain Zoo

Icebreaker

Monday, 22nd September

Evening:

17:00-21:00 **Ormo Lounge**
2-6 Gloddaeth St, Llandudno, LL30 2DR

Day 1

Tuesday, 23rd September

Plant Conservation & Nature Recovery

Morning :

08:30-09:00 **Registration** (WILD centre)

09:00-09:30 **Welcome**
Ben Camps (Chair, BIAZA Plant Working Group)
Chris Mitchell (Welsh Mountain Zoo)

09:30-10:00 **TBC**
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10:00-10:30 **The Zoo's Secret Buzz: beekeeping at the WMZ**
Walid Samra (Colwyn Bee Honey)

10:30-11:00 **Break**

11:00-12:00 **Plant Conservation - Why not shout about it?**
Robbie Blackhall-Miles (Plantlife Cymru)

12:00-13:00 **Critical Carnivores: the conservation potential of Nepenthes in ex-situ collections**
Olivia Murrell (Manchester Metropolitan University/ Chester Zoo)

13:00-13:45 **Lunch**

Afternoon :

13:45-17:00 **Tour of Welsh Mountain Zoo**

Evening :

19:00-21:30 **Conference Dinner**
The Magic Bar
14 Clonmel St, Llandudno LL30 2LE

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Day 2

Wednesday, 24th September

Theatre of Gardening

Morning :

08:30-09:00	**Registration** (WILD centre)
09:00-09:30	**TBC** Paul Page (Welsh Mountain Zoo)
09:30-10:00	**Growing a Sense of Place: biogeographical theming in zoos** Phil Esseen (Head of Plants, Chester Zoo)
10:00-10:30	**News from the Zoo** (10 min/talk) Estuary Shoreline Project Chris Rixton (WWT Slimbridge) Designing new exhibits: the first Sumatran pit-vipers in a UK zoo Coogan Middlebrook (Stratford Butterfly Farm) Gibbons Song of the Forest Hertfordshire Zoo - BIAZA Award (Horticulture) runner-up Overhauling Winter Browse Jersey Zoo – BIAZA Award (Horticulture) winner
10:30-11:00	**Break**
11:00-12:00	**Crûg Introductions in the Past 30 Years** Sue and Bleddyn Wynn-Jones (Crûg Farm)
12:00-12:30	**An Introduction to Bodnant Garden** Ned Lomax (Bodnant)
12:30-13:30	**Lunch**

Afternoon :

13:30-18:00	**Trip to Bodnant Gardens**

Day 3

Thursday, 25th September

Workshop: Wildlife Features*

***Please note that this session will be take place outdoors. Workshop participants should bring suitable clothing, footwear, and protective gloves.**

Morning :

08:30-09:00	**Registration** (WILD centre)
09:00-09:30	**Workshop discussion**
09:30-11:00	**Practical session** Part 1
11:00-11:30	**Break**
11:30-13:00	**Practical session** Part 2
13:00-14:00	**Lunch**

Afternoon :

14:00-18:00	**Opportunity to visit Welsh Mountain Zoo**