



Course Title:	Enriching enrichment <i>Bridging the gap between 'occupational enrichment' and 'species specific ecology based enrichment'</i>
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Aimed at:	Anyone involved or interested in the implementation of enrichment programs and their effect on animals well-being (Keepers, Senior keepers and Management)
Language taught in:	English
Taught hours:	8.5 hours, including breaks (1 Day)
Extra hours for study etc:	Participants may be provided with video lectures, articles, or e-learning materials to help them prepare for the course
Cost:	EAZA members: €130 Non-members: €165
Dates:	30 May 2022
Delivery Method:	Face to face
Location(s):	Kambizuri Lodges, Apenheul
Links to other courses:	This course is held prior to the EAZA Animal Welfare Forum 2022

Course Aim(s):

Using a theoretical and practical approach we will explore the different facets of planning, implementation, evaluation and re-adjustment of enrichment programs. Looking through the lens of promoting agency we will analyse how to achieve enrichment success in both the physical and psychological engagement of an animal whilst aligning with species specific ecological needs.

Thinking outside of the realm of standard enrichment, this course will challenge the norm and help you expand enrichment ideas to incorporate different senses, materials, technologies and concepts. You will also have access to implementation tools and frameworks to help maintain successful enrichment programs.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course you will:

- Understand the scientific principles behind animal welfare and how enrichment can play a vital role in promoting positive animal welfare
- Be able to identify species-specific behavioural needs as a basis for enrichment design
- Have learned about the pros and cons of certain (types of) enrichment
- Have learned about the difference between 'enrichment' and 'the basic needs' of animals
- Be able to apply a structured framework to creating, implementing and evaluating enrichment in theory and in practice
- Have explored ideas on how to incorporate agency and cognition into enrichment items
- Have used innovative thinking to extend enrichment possibilities

Content:

- Background on current enrichment utilised by participants
- Principles of Enrichment, Animal Welfare and (socio)-ecological needs
- Innovation and think out of the box
- From idea to achieved goal; Evaluation and assessment of enrichment and behaviour
- Group work on creating your own enrichment
- In the field enrichment and evaluation
- Presentation from an Enrichment Working Group
- Presentations and feedback of enrichment evaluations

Assessment: None

Additional information:

The course will not involve practical work in animal exhibits, however you will be walking around that park to view and discuss exhibits so appropriate clothing is recommended (Typical May weather is around 15°C with a chance of rain).

Elements of the course may need to change in order to comply with Covid-19 measures implemented by the Dutch government, all course and forum participants will receive up-to-date guidance on current measure in the weeks before the event.

How to apply:

You can register for this course with the Animal Welfare Forum registration form. Registration is on a first come first served basis and will be limited to 30 participants. Contact Laura Myers (laura.myers@eaza.net) if you have any questions about the course or registration process.

