



Course Title:	Enriching enrichment <i>Bridging the gap between 'occupational enrichment' and 'species-specific needs-based enrichment'</i>
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Aimed at:	Anyone involved or interested in the implementation of enrichment programs and their effect on animal 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: €120 Non-members: €150
Dates:	21 March 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 designing and implementation enrichment programs based on species-specific needs. 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 and ethological 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.

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
- Be able to describe the importance of 'enrichment' as part of good husbandry
- 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:

- Principles of Enrichment, Animal Welfare and ecological- and ethological needs
- Innovation and think out of the box
- From idea to achieved goal; Evaluation and assessment of enrichment and behaviour
- Group work on developing your own enrichment
- In the field enrichment and evaluation
- Presentations and feedback of enrichment designs

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 March weather is around 7°C with a good 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 measures in the weeks before the event.

How to apply:

You will be able to register online for this course from 19 January 2022. Our Covid-19 cancellation policy will be included in the 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.