



## **Blue Reef Aquarium in Tynemouth seeks an Interim Aquarist to join the Zoological Team.**

### **Full Time, Maternity Cover**

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### **About Blue Reef Aquarium, Tynemouth**

Our award winning Blue Reef aquarium, located on the North East coast is home to an array of animals in over 40 naturally themed exhibits from around the world from the British coast, the Mediterranean, coral reef and the tropical rainforest.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and approachable person with a passion for marine life to join our energetic and vibrant team.

Dive in and take your career to new depths at the Blue Reef Aquarium Tynemouth!

### **About the Role**

Alongside offering excellent customer service, you will be responsible for maintaining and developing displays and exhibits promoting public education and awareness in relation to conservation and delivering a memorable and entertaining experience to visitors. Experience in animal husbandry is essential. This is a hands on role and will include caring for over 40 exhibits, including Primates and Harbour Seals as well as hundreds of species of marine life.

As part of the Zoological team, you will ensure all livestock displays are well presented and maintained. You will also be responsible for promoting and participating in public presentations, tours, birthday parties and education sessions, as well as conversing with visitors whilst carrying out your daily duties around the aquarium. It's essential therefore that you enjoy and are just as confident working Front of House as you are working behind the scenes.

This is a full time position (Maternity Cover) for which it is essential that you are available to work during weekends, bank holidays and school holidays.

### **About You**

You will already have relevant experience in the visitor attractions sector working with marine fish and invertebrates and have knowledge of aquarium life, support systems and enjoy working in a fast paced environment.

You will have an infectious enthusiasm for creating stunning and innovative displays and be keen to share knowledge with colleagues and visitors. A degree or equivalent in a relevant biological science is advantageous.

You will have a positive attitude and thrive in a customer focused environment. You need to adapt to a variety of situations and have a 'hands on' attitude and be able to respond to customers needs while promoting all aspects of our aquarium. You will have excellent communication skills having the ability to retain and present key and interesting information about our attraction.

### **About Aspro Parks**

Blue Reef Aquarium, Tynemouth is part of Aspro Parks, a Spanish multinational company with its headquarters based in Madrid. Aspro owns and operates over 65 leisure attractions across Europe, 10 of which are located in the UK.

If interested, please send your CV & covering letter to: Kim Jones, Aspro UK Group HR Manager, c/o Blue Planet Aquarium, Cheshire Oaks, Cheshire, CH65 9LF. Or email us at: [recruitment@asprouk.com](mailto:recruitment@asprouk.com). Your application letter should highlight why you would be able to fulfil this key role within the organisation and clearly demonstrate how you meet our requirements.

We are committed to Equal Opportunities.

Closing Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Work Location: Blue Reef Aquarium, Grand Parade, Tynemouth, Tyne & Wear, NE30 4JF

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