



**Job Title:** Junior Aquarist

**Location:** Discover Hastings

**Contract Type:** Permanent – 55 hours per month (Additional hours may be available in peak season – February to October)

**Salary:** £5,755.20 per annum

### **Job Description**

This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic, hardworking Aquarist with a passion for animal conservation to join our team at Discover Hastings.

Situated on the seafront in the historic Old Town of Hastings, we transport visitors to the spectacular 'underwater gardens' of the Mediterranean and the stunning beauty of tropical waters home to everything from seahorses and puffer fish to living corals and native sharks.

### **Duties/ Responsibilities**

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 all aspects of animal husbandry is essential. This is a hands on role and will include caring for hundreds of species of aquatic/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.

Due to the nature of our business, it is essential that you are available to work during weekends, bank holidays and school holidays.

### **Key Skills**

#### **Required**

- An infectious enthusiasm for caring for aquatic and terrestrial animal husbandry
- A passion for creating stunning and innovative displays and be keen to share knowledge with colleagues and visitors.
- A great working knowledge of aquarium life support systems
- A positive 'hands on' attitude and be able to respond to customers' needs while promoting all aspects of our aquarium.

- Excellent communication skills with the ability to present to large groups including delivering public talks and able to design and run education sessions.
- Proven competency in the application of Microsoft Office, Word, PowerPoint and Excel computer programs is required with excellent written communication skills
- Ability to keep accurate and up to date records to ensure quality animal management and welfare at or above industry standards
- Detail orientated, strong organisational skills with the ability to handle different priorities across multiple areas

### **Desirable**

- Candidates who are studying towards or hold a degree or equivalent in a relevant biological science
- Previous experience within an Aquarist/ animal husbandry role especially experience working with aquatic and terrestrial animal husbandry, including fresh and saltwater fish, reptiles and amphibians.
- Plumbing, construction and exhibit renovation experience
- Previous experience working in a visitor attraction
- A UK manual full driving licence

### **Why work for us**

Aspro Parks is a multinational company which operates more than 60 leisure attractions in Europe. Here in the UK Aspro owns Blue Planet Aquarium, Deep Sea World, Bristol Aquarium, Blue Reef Aquarium Newquay, Blue Reef Aquarium Hastings, Blue Reef Aquarium Portsmouth, Tynemouth Aquarium, Hastings Castle, Smugglers Adventure and Oakwood Theme Park.

Our business depends on our visitors enjoying their experience, whether that's leaving our aquariums inspired to caring more about the environment, to thrill seekers riding Drenched, one of the tallest, steepest and wettest water rides in Europe! It takes a very diverse and richly talented team to keep the show on the road and we work hard in getting these individuals on board!

Here at Aspro, we make sure our employees are well taken care of. We recognise that their hard work and dedication are the driving force behind our success. Our work environment is built on mutual respect and professionalism. We have a team of highly knowledgeable individuals with the experience and technical expertise to ensure we are the best at what we do!

We're looking for individuals who want to join the Aspro team and live our values of:

- Customer Service
- Honesty
- Respect
- Focus on Results
- Teamwork
- Personal development

We are also here to sell fun and this is what makes us so unique. Each day we look at working in a fun and friendly environment. So, if you have a passion to work in the leisure industry, can offer outstanding customer service to all our visitors and you aren't afraid of hard work, then we may just have the job for you!

### **How to Apply**

If interested, please apply using your CV & covering letter via our indeed page [https://www.indeedjobs.com/aspro-uk/hl/en\\_GB?cpref=JXWAtnzf3XW5aRnY2g\\_zom2bgyBz8ZTNtzUk-5Jfp-g](https://www.indeedjobs.com/aspro-uk/hl/en_GB?cpref=JXWAtnzf3XW5aRnY2g_zom2bgyBz8ZTNtzUk-5Jfp-g)

Your cover 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 do recognize the time and effort it takes to apply for a position, however as an employer of choice we receive a high volume of applications and in the interests of economy, Aspro UK does not notify candidates who have been unsuccessful in their application; consequently if you have not heard from us within 4 weeks of the closing date, please assume that you have not been successful on this occasion.

### **Equal Opportunities**

Aspro UK are an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, and veteran or disability status.