



WILD ENCOUNTERS LIMITED



#WPEP-2385615



Coolyroe, Kilmeedy, Co. Limerick, V42 TD81



No of positions : 1



Work Placement Experience Programme



As per WPEP guidelines



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02/04/2025



28/05/2025

## How to apply

### Application Method :

This programme is for jobseekers that are in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment and those transferring from a social welfare scheme. Full eligibility details are available [here](#)



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## Animal Care Assistant - WPEP Scheme

### Application Details

This Work Placement Experience Programme provides Participants with an opportunity to gain meaningful work experience, learning and training while on the programme. This programme is for jobseekers who are in receipt of qualifying social welfare payments and those transferring from a social welfare scheme or an ETB Training Allowance. Your eligibility for this programme will be verified by the Department as part of the application process.

### Job Description

Wild Encounters Mini Zoo

Under the guidance and support of the existing team, participants will learn and assist in:

Clearing Enclosures.

Animal Food Preparation

Animal Enrichment

Presenting and engaging with public during animal interaction talks

General Zoo keeper daily activities, such as but not limited to monitoring, reporting and temperature checks.

General maintenance of enclosures including but not limited to painting, weeding, planting and decoration for animals.

Contributing to a positive and friendly team atmosphere.

### Role Description

This is a training and work experience opportunity; no prior experience in this role is necessary. Accredited and/or sector recognised training will be provided to support your placement. Participants are eligible to participate in the WPEP QQI Work Experience Module which was developed by the Education & Training Boards in collaboration with the Department of Social Protection. This optional module will fulfil your accredited training requirements for the WPEP.

Informal:

1. General Zoo Keeper Duties
2. Animal food preparation
3. Animal Enrichment
4. Animal Husbandry

5. Visitor interaction and communication skills

6. Animal Handling

7. Animal Welfare

Formal:

Introduction to Animal Science

Introduction to Zoology

Basics of Zoology

Introduction to Wildlife Conservation

Animal Nutrition, Feedstuffs and Hygiene

Introduction to Ornithology

- **Sector:** arts, entertainment and recreation

### **Career Level**

- Not Required

### **Candidate Requirements**

(Essential)

- **Minimum Experienced Required (Years):** 0