

Freshwater Aquarist at Blue Planet Aquarium

Blue Planet Aquarium, Cheshire Oaks is looking to recruit an experienced Freshwater Aquarist.

The aquarium is part of Deep Sea Leisure plc which has 6 other aquarium visitor attractions in the group. Our displays include animals from the British coastline to tropical reefs. At the heart of the aquarium is a 3.8 million litre shark tank; as well as a diverse collection of terrestrial vertebrates and invertebrates.

You will be responsible for a diverse range Freshwater Displays which consists of the temperate, tropical and terrestrial species within our aquarium. Other duties will contain the maintenance of planted systems as well as assisting on the Marine areas and terrestrial animal sections when needed.

A proven track record in freshwater fish husbandry is essential, and experience of developing planted systems is desirable. A proven ability to design, construct and maintain freshwater systems is a must and familiarity with PVC pipework, basic joinery and maintenance of life support equipment including pumps is a crucial part of this hands-on post. Other responsibilities will include providing veterinary care, involvement in display development and breeding programmes as directed.

It's important that all visitors have an enjoyable day out and this is where you will play a part. You will be responsible for conversing with visitors whilst carrying out your daily duties around the aquarium as well as delivering engaging and inspiring presentations. It's essential therefore that you enjoy and are just as confident working behind the scenes as well as Front of House.

We do recognize the time and effort it takes to apply for a position, but 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.

Your application letter should highlight why you would be able to fulfill this key role within the organization and clearly demonstrate how you meet our requirements. Please include your salary expectations.

If interested, please send your CV and covering letter to: Janeen Pickup, Aspro UK Group HR Manager, c/o Blue Planet Aquarium, Cheshire Oaks, Cheshire, CH65 9LF.

Or email <u>recruitment@asprouk.com</u>

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Closing date: 5th December 2012

Interviews: Week commencing – 10th December 2012

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