

# Chester Zoo, science lab & education conservation

This partnership endorses and supports Chester Zoo's pioneering conservation research and its 2030 goal of empowering 10 million people to live more sustainably. Over the next three years it plans to double the size of its current lab facilities reinforcing its science programme and increasing its training capacity. This aligns with Urenco's core values in terms of innovation and leadership - Chester Zoo, with Urenco's support, will not only continue to be a leader in conservation and preventing extinction but will also increase its global impact by influencing zoos across the world.

The science lab project will help the zoo reach over 150,000 young people through different learning programmes. Further, Urenco funding will also assist Chester Zoo to create job opportunities for graduates and trainees.

Chester Zoo already works with other zoos in countries where Urenco operates, in the US, Germany and the Netherlands.

**Workstreams:** environment & net zero transition; education & skills

The North of England Zoological Society is the organisation that runs Chester Zoo and its conservation campaign, 'Act For Wildlife'. Its objectives are to promote the conservation of the physical and natural environment by promoting biodiversity; and to advance the education of the public on the conservation of the physical and natural world and the promotion of biodiversity; in particular by, but not limited to, the provision of public education, scientific study and the maintenance of endangered animals, plants and habitats in both protective and natural environments.

Chester Zoo is the most visited zoo in the UK and is a conservation and education charity committed to preventing extinction. It is home to 20,000 extraordinary animals, covers 128 acres of zoological gardens and hosts 2 million visitors every year.

[www.chesterzoo.org.uk](http://www.chesterzoo.org.uk)



“ Our partnership with Chester Zoo is fully supported by colleagues at the Capenhurst site. As well as aligning with our values in terms of education, innovation, leadership and sustainability, we have been building links with them locally through volunteering and holding events at the zoo for over ten years with family events taking place regularly and in 2020, we became a corporate champion. This project is supporting the zoo's science lab expansion and learning programmes which combine research and education to bring about sustainable solutions.”

**Neil Fagan**  
Head of Communications, UUK

## Sustainability Spotlight

This project aligns with the Urenco sustainability strategy, our corporate values and selected UN sustainable development goals.

### Social:

- building on existing partnership with the zoo and local community
- expansion of the zoo's training space, programmes and courses allowing a better educational experience for their trainees, researchers & scholars
- zoo's 2030 plan will see 5,000 trained conservationists, our partnership will help expand the zoo's lab facilities creating job opportunities and work.

### Community engagement:

- volunteering opportunity for colleagues.

### Innovation:

- future technologies and services – conservation, treatment advances
- reciprocal assistance to enable sustainable conservation at Urenco sites.

### Environment:

- conservation and protection of endangered species is a key aim, reversing declines of 200 threatened populations of species in the wild, influencing five major wildlife policy areas and improving 250,000 hectares of land for the benefit of wildlife
- 2030 goal of empowering 10 million people to adopt more sustainable lifestyles.

### UN Sustainable Development Goals:

