



Institute of Biology of Ireland Activity Series, 2017/18

The Institute of Biology of Ireland, as part of the 2017/18 Activity Series, invites its members, families, friends and the general public to attend this lecture.

Attendance at the lecture is free to all.



Lecture Title:

Animal Care in Dublin Zoo - My journey as a Zoo Keeper

Presenter: Brendan Walsh, Zoo Keeper, Dublin Zoo

Date and Time: Friday, November 24th 2017 @ 8pm

Location: Lecture Theatre, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, D9

About the lecture content: This lecture will analyse the role of Dublin Zoo in the modern day, from conservation to research. It will also look at Brendan's 20 years of experience working there, and in wild animal projects around the world. Brendan will also discuss his five year study on Asian elephant sleep, which had some very interesting findings.

About the presenter: Brendan Walsh has a strong interest in animals, conservation and wildlife. He began working in Dublin Zoo in 1996 and in 2003 he progressed to become a much sought after role as zookeeper. Brendan gained a Higher National Diploma in Animal Science from Cannington College, Somerset in 1999 and in 2001 he achieved a BSc (Hons) in Animal Management from Sparsholt College, Hampshire.



Animal behaviour and wellness are of strong interest to Brendan. He has had scientific papers published on Western lowland gorilla behaviour and management, Lar Gibbon rehabilitation, and Asian elephant sleep behaviours.

Brendan loves being immersed in nature, near and far, and has travelled through every continent except

Antarctica. Another great love of his is talking about animals...

Getting to the National Botanic Gardens

- **GPS users:**

Either use the garmin loc8 system with this code: **NP7-57-F53**
or input the following latitude **53.3717** and longitude **-6.2696**

- **By Bus:**

[4 \(Route Map\)](#) Harristown, Ballymun, Botanic Ave., Phibsboro Shopping Centre, O'Connell St., Pembroke Rd., Blackrock, Stradbroom)

[9 \(Route Map\)](#) Limekiln Ave. South Circular Rd. O'Connell St. Botanic Rd. Beneavin Rd. Charlestown)

[83 \(Route Map\)](#) Kimmage {Sundrive road, Rathmines} / Harristown {Ballygall Road East}

For any other starting points in Dublin, use Hittheroad.ie which is an excellent website showing you how to get between any two points in Dublin City, using a smart combination of Dublin Bus, Luas and DART routes.

- **By Car, Bike or on Foot:**

From the south, or City centre: leave Dublin via the Drumcondra road (N1) and turn left at Botanic Avenue (Fagan's pub), just before crossing the river Tolka. At end of Botanic Avenue turn left at T-junction.

ALTERNATIVELY, leave the city via Phibsborough, on the Finglas road (N2). Just after passing over the Royal Canal, follow the one way system around Hart's corner, turning right, then left onto Botanic Road. At the bottom of the hill turn left at the traffic lights. The Botanic Gardens are 100m past this junction and on the left.

Car parking facilities are available: Hours 1 and 2: €1 per hour; Hours 3 onwards: €2 per hour.

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The Institute of Biology of Ireland wishes to thank the various personnel at Dublin Zoo for their help and cooperation in offering this lecture.

