



Introduction to empathy & the ACE for Wildlife Network

Spring 2024 Session



TODAY'S AGENDA

Event introduction

- Welcome & breakout room introductions

Introduction to Empathy

- Watch the Introduction to ACE for Wildlife video
- Discuss the post-video questions in small groups
- Ryann Stacy from Racine Zoo, Tierney Ball from Zoo Boise, and Isabelle Bieser from the Zoological Society of Milwaukee share about their zoo's empathy projects

Introduction to the Network

- Who are we as a Network?
- Network website and resources
- Opportunities to get involved

Q&A



TEMPERATURE CHECK

What are you most interested in learning about regarding using empathy in zoos and aquariums?

What are you most interested in learning about regarding the ACE for Wildlife Network?



MEET & GREET WITH FELLOW ATTENDEES

~10 minutes in small groups



TEMPERATURE CHECK II

What opportunities, if any, do you see to engage in work like this in your role at your organization?

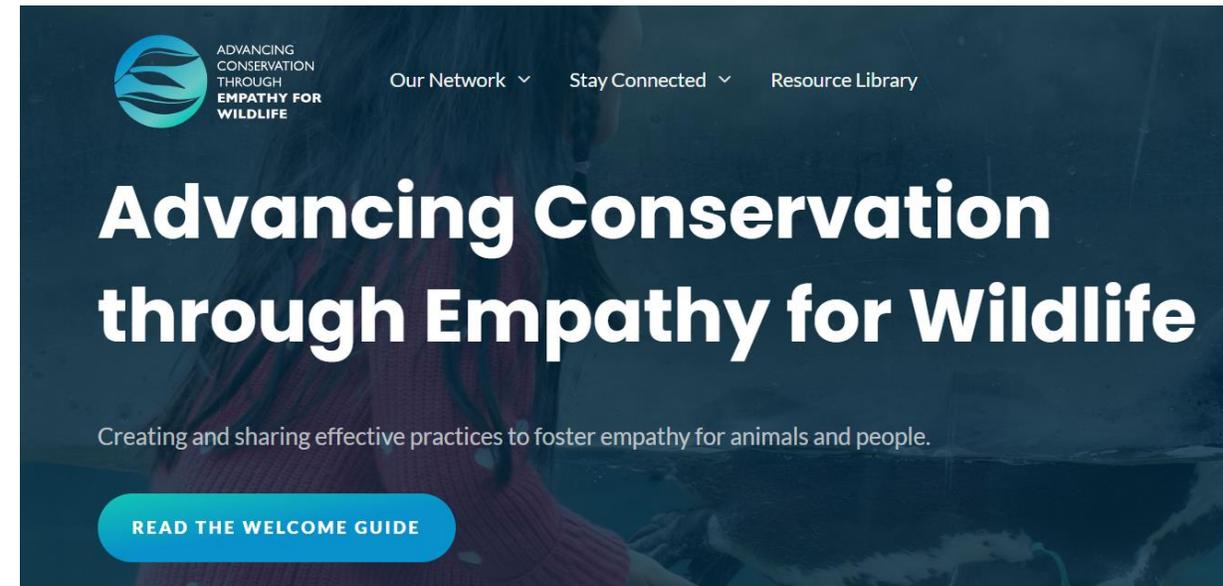
What barriers, if any, do you see in engaging in work like this in your role at your organization?



WELCOME GUIDE

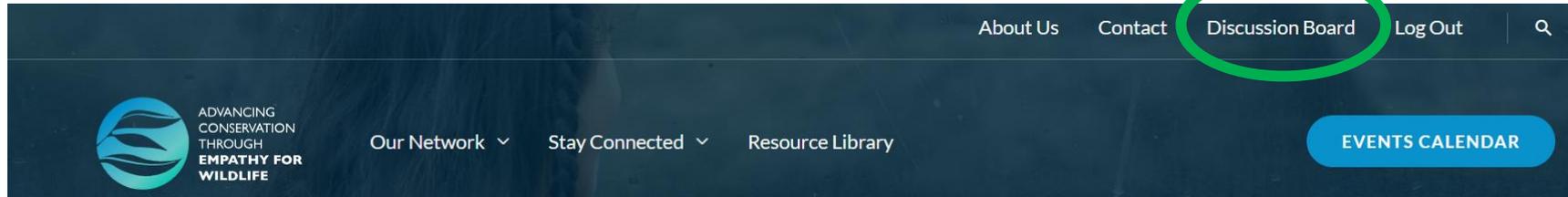
Created by the Communications Committee

- Sent to any new Affiliate upon joining the Network
- Details how to create your account, where to find resources, committee representative directories, FAQs, + more!
- Updated annually





DISCUSSION BOARD



- This is the primary space for you to connect with others in the ACE for Wildlife Network
- We encourage anyone to post and generate conversation
- Our Network Code of Conduct, which outlines our community guidelines, can be found pinned at the top of the discussion board as well as our Resource Library
- The Communications Committee is currently brainstorming a way to create specialized topic channels on the discussion board. We hope to launch these specialized channels later this year

Empathy Programs for Senior Facilities

American Red Wolf Podcast

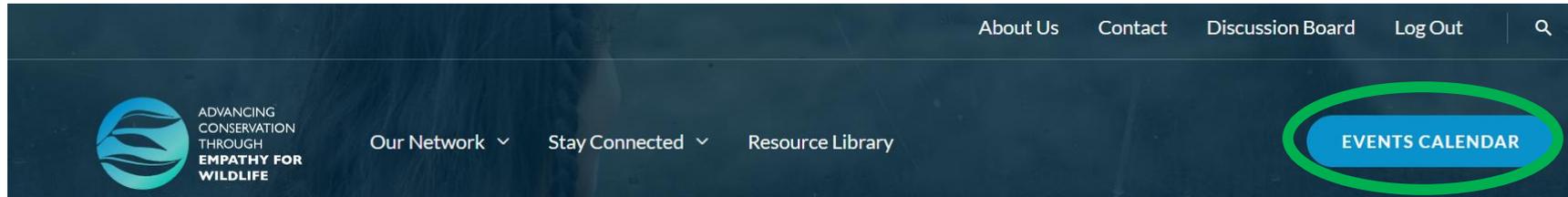
■ conservation

What Intentional Design Caught your Eye?

■ signage



EVENTS CALENDAR



- You can find all Network events on our Events Calendar page
- We try to announce and post events a 2 months ahead of the event
- Recordings and resources shared in past events can be found on our Resource Library

*These events are designed for ACE for Wildlife™ Network Affiliates and Members. Individuals not participating in the Network will need to submit an accepted Affiliate application or create an account before accessing the event. Information provided to registrants may not be accessible unless you already have full access to our website. Applications must be received within 10 days of the meeting/event date and will be reviewed for membership requirements. People will be notified prior to the meeting/event date of your membership status. **Please email any questions to empathy@zoo.org.***



RESOURCE LIBRARY

124+
resources

Advancing Empathy for Wildlife Program Evaluation Plan



Woodland Park Zoo and Catalyze
Evaluation plan that lays out internal and
external evaluations to understand the
implementation and impact of the

Advancing Empathy Initiative Evaluation Executive Summary



As part of the three-year Advancing
Empathy grant, Woodland Park Zoo hired
Catalyze as an external evaluator to lead
evaluation activities to assess the Network

Animal Ambassador Initiative



Resources from the Woodland Park Zoo
Animal Ambassador program, including
Animal Ambassador curricula for on- and
off-site visits and evaluation of the
program's key findings.

Anthropomorphism and Empathy Report



This literature review explores the role of
anthropomorphism and perceptions of
animals in motivating conservation action
and to help clarify how its use factors into
fostering empathy for wildlife as a resource

AZA Conference: Bridging Science & Social-emotional Learning in Education for the Benefit of Communities & Nature



Best Practices for Building Empathy Through Live Animal Encounters

This discussion provides an overview and
examples of some of
the best practices for integrating empathy
messaging into live
animal encounters including:

- Foundational resources like those sent in the pre-event email
- Recordings and supplemental materials from previous events
- Learnings from Capacity Building Grant Projects
- Literature reviews and research papers



NETWORK COMMITTEES

- Groups led by Network participants that shape, guide, and investigate Network priorities
- Members & Affiliates can serve on a committee
- You can catch up on monthly committee updates in our Empathy Matters newsletter and on the *Committees* page of our website

Communications Committee

- Open seats

Conservation Action Committee

Membership Committee

- Open seats

Steering Committee

- Open seats

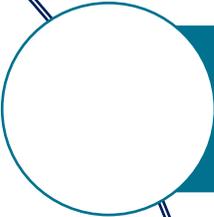
Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, & Inclusion (DEAI) Committee

Strategic Learning Committee

- Open seats



GET INVOLVED IN THE NETWORK



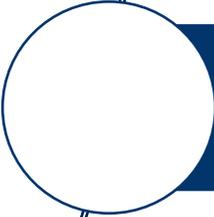
Serve on a committee

Openings on: Steering Committee, Communications Committee, Membership Committee, Strategic Learning Committee.



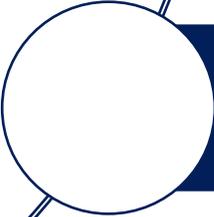
Talk with other folks on the discussion board

Once you make an account, we encourage you to explore the topics created and post on the discussion board to connect with others in the Network.



Attend Network events

From biofacts to exotic pets to animal fact sheets, we host learning groups on a variety of topics.



Highlight your work and interests at a Network event

If you want to share the empathy-related work that you or your organization is doing or talk through challenges and successes with others working on similar topics, let us know! We're happy to work with you to set up an event.



EVENT QUESTION & ANSWER