

THE JOB SEEKER

THIS WEEK

Useful tips for those thinking of working in a foreign country

How to get yourself in shape for a new job

The things the EU does for you and the opportunities it gives you



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WORKING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY? **GET IT RIGHT.**

DO'S

Make sure you pack right. Everything you will possibly need such as cables and chargers. Check that you have all the required clothes for the climate you're going to such as jackets, boots hats and always, be prepared to suit up. You're going to work there so you have to have enough formal wear that will make you sick.

INTEGRATE:

You'll be living there, be it a month or a year, you have to live in line with the country's culture, traditions, and certain practises and rituals which may be completely out of place for you, but you're in a new place so get accustomed. With that said, don't forget who you are. In no way am I saying to walk away from your culture and beliefs, but you have to respect the way of life of the new country you live in. Make local friends that could help guide you and also just to have someone with you.

TRY NEW THINGS:

One thing to keep in minds that you are now part of this new culture, so don't squint at the sight of something that for you is completely weird. Be open-minded, try that new dish make with frog legs it might be the most amazing thing you'll ever eat, or not, but you now know what it is. Food, clothing, driving on the wrong side of the road are all things which you have to be familiar with. Leave it up to your new local friends which we told you to make to tell you the traditional things and customs. Oh and please, TRY to learn the language, at least try.

ASK:

Be a pest. Ask everyone about anything. It's impossible to just expect things to fall in place and assume you'll know the way of life without asking around. Ask about good restaurants, shopping areas, shortcuts, where the cheapest grocery is, where is the closest mechanic, which bank is more reliable... Honestly, be a pest.

RESEARCH:

This is something you should've done before you even thought of getting the job. You have to know what kind of setting you're going to. Check about the country's customs, cities laws and the overall feeling the country gives you. It's a wise move to know the country you're going to before actually going, not all surprises are good you might end up hating the place that you can't handle it. So be prepared.



DONT'S:

ASSUME: Don't assume. Anything. You have no idea of this country don't just assume things will be how you always knew them to be. Don't assume everyone will just happen to know how to speak English or any of the languages you know. Remember not all surprises are good, keep them limited.

IGNORE: Don't be a hard headed patriot that just refuses to even stand next to a different culture cause it will disrespect the motherland. Grow up. Learn about the local customs and traditions and sure, teach them some things about your culture, but you're not in your country anymore, if you expect everyone to follow your customs, you're not going to enjoy your stay at all.

FORGET HOME: On the other extreme, don't get wrapped up in your new life that you forget where you come from, because that is who you ultimately are. Learning and living in different cultures is an amazing thing, but you have your own identity that you must treasure wherever you are. Keep your home at heart and you will never go crazy. As soon as you forget your roots, you're done for.

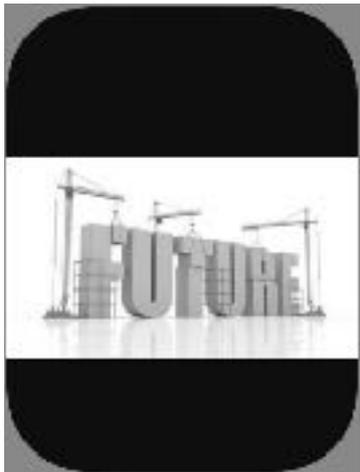


PREPARING FOR FUTURE JOBS

With the world changing as fast as it is industries rising , evolving and crashing ; technology leading to more efficient , effective way of doing everything globalisation interconnecting us all; and a whole new generation emerging and entering the workforce -how do we best ensure young people are prepared for the world of work from here forward ? Keep in mind that along with the jobs being phased out, countless more jobs don't even exist yet.

The following 10 skills are most vital to young people entering the workforce :

1. Ambition
2. value
3. Articulation
4. Skills
5. Expertise
6. terminology
7. Curiosity
8. context
9. Experience
10. Resourcefulness



WHAT EU, CAN DO FOR YOU

Are you a youth who lives in a country of the European Union? Do you like to travel and encounter new cultures? Would you like to improve your work experience or other social skills? Erasmus + offers you a number of opportunities to do so! So what are you waiting for? Check out some of the amazing opportunities below!

EVS

This initiative helps young people to find opportunities of volunteering projects abroad. The areas of available volunteering range from youth work, cultural activities, social care and environmental protection. Even though you are not remunerated for your full time work, you are provided with free accommodation, food, insurance. Your travel costs are also reimbursed! As mentioned above, living and working in another EU country will get you entitled to free language lessons so as to make your stay in a foreign country better. Your work and skills acquired abroad will be on your Youth Pass record, which you may later attach to your Cv!

Youth exchanges under Erasmus plus may last between five to 21 days. Young people aged 13 to 30 from different countries meet and live together to jointly carry out a work programme designed and prepared by them before the exchange. This could be a mix of workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, simulations and outdoor activities. They allow young people to develop competences; discover new cultures, habits and life-styles through peer-learning; and strengthen values like solidarity, democracy and friendship



EURES

This is an information exchange network for the mobility of workers within the European union and the European Free Trade Association. This incorporates the different national bureaus for available employment of all the said countries, therefore creating a large database of possible jobs across this zone. This institution covers 32 countries! Are you scared of living in a country with a different language? Fear not! The hosting country will actually offer you free lessons for a year to help you learn the new language! Contact one of the EURES advisors for help regarding ideal jobs, places to live and updating your CV to make sure you land that dream job.

Young Entrepreneurship:

This is the European business exchange programme. It provides practical and financial assistance to newly established or potential entrepreneurs wishing to spend some time with a host entrepreneur. Through this initiative which usually lasts from 3 to 6 months, international co-operation helps future entrepreneurs experience the realities of carrying out a similar business on a day-to-day basis. Apart from experiencing this reality, one would also exchange knowledge, experience and possibly extend commercial relations for the said European Business.



BUILDING A CV

8 CV rules:

1. On average, recruiters spend only 6 sec looking at your CV, doing so in what is called the 'F' shape. Even if you have good competences, if it's not well presented, you will not get the job. Emphasize different key words in your CV by using a different colour and writing them in bold.
2. You should write a job profile. Like a very short cover letter. This personalizes your resume. You can put a lot of important information about how you would do the job you are applying for and what kind of employee you are. Write 2-3 sentences about what you want to do in your future job and your way of providing a unique contribution.
3. Experience is the most important part of your CV. Don't lie about your skills! Explain your statistics (if any) and use them to describe your experience and skills. Write something about what your duties were at your workplace. Think about why you could be better than the others candidates.
4. Skills. Be honest! Refine the way you describe and adjust your skills to apply them to your new workplace. Describe the level of knowledge of the skills, concisely. Do include soft skills too, like 'effective communication' or 'skilled manager'.
5. Education. If you have a lot of experience, the education part is not the most important. Don't forget to mention any extracurricular activities or experience you might have had. For instance, Erasmus + exchanges etc.
6. Don't make a universal CV. Customise it to the job that you are applying to and to what you think the employer expects.
7. Don't be afraid to remove any information that is old or not important.
8. How do you send CV? Don't use informal e-mail. Don't use holiday or party photos. Include updated contact details. Remember where you sent your resumes out to. It's highly embarrassing if a company phones you back for an interview and you forgot all about what the job was about. Make sure your public Facebook and another social media is decent. Chances are your future employer will be browsing through them. Before any interview, try to read up about the company so as to have a general idea of how it operates. Make sure to check your CV and e-mail for any spelling or grammatical errors.

