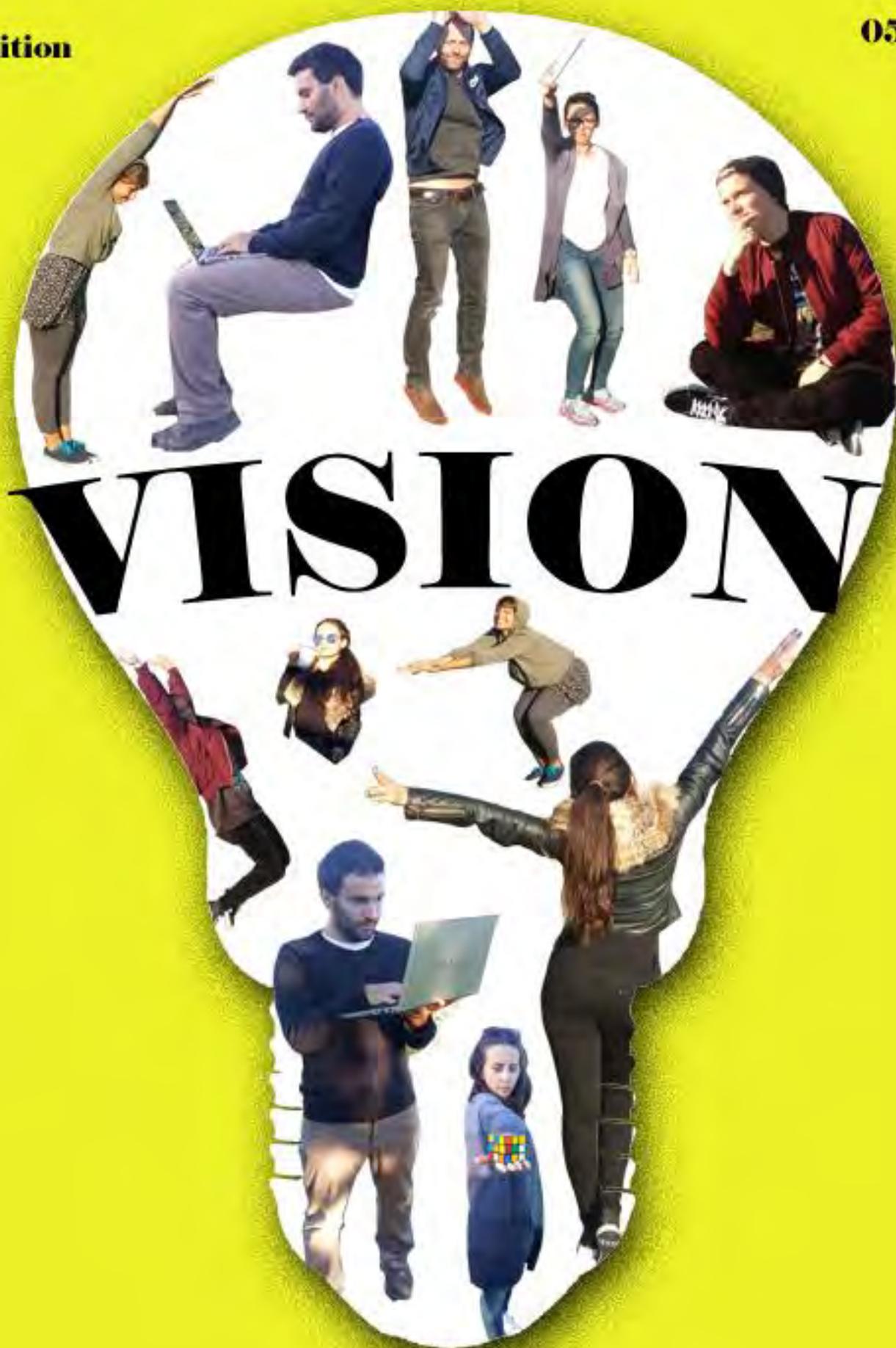


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SCORE

As a child, I had a lot of future famous football players in my class. None of them actually made it, but at least they knew what they wanted to do: score! Already then, I had no goal, and so another helpless generalist was born.

“Do this, do that.” My head exploded and imploded at the same time and I decided that in order to know my direction, I had to dig deep into my own history. And so... I started to study Latin. Not fit for your everyday conversation, but helpful in the end. That’s how I always kept on seeing it. Many classmates disagreed, and labelled it as a waste of their time.

Anyhow, the hierarchy among teenagers was made. The so-called smart ones were set to go to university, whereas the others opted for a slightly shorter education or went looking for a job straight away.

Is the age of 18 a good age to take a possibly life-changing decision? For some of us it is, for others it ain’t. Bridge clubs prove that peer pressure exists from birth to death, so many of us started paving the way to unhappiness right there and then. A never-ending road, on which we see a doctor’s son who wanted to be an architect but was forced by his parents to pick a medical profession. Now, he ended up being a pharmacist taking his own pills.

Routine takes over and accounts for a society in which depression suppresses bliss. Career guidance becomes a key word for people without direction. In a world exploding with options, knowing what you want to do seems to be the hardest part. People go from banker over sommelier to massage therapist and back. Luckily, most of them are old enough to exclude the initial football dreams.

Steven



WATCH OUT! YOUR LIFE TURNING POINT IS OUT THERE

According to the strategy Europe 2020, youth unemployment (25%) is one of the main issue that has to be solved as soon as possible. Therefore, in december 2012, the European Commission presented the **Youth Employment Package**, with the purpose to encourage the participation and inclusion of youth through formative and educational policies aimed at the enter in the job market.

The Council of European Union has allocated a remarkable amount of money (6 billion €) in order to achieve the objectives stated in Europe 2020. **giovanile oltre il 25%**. The package includes a proposed **Recommendation to Member States on introducing the Youth Guarantee** to ensure that all young people up to age 25 receive a quality offer of a job, continued education, an apprenticeship or a traineeship within four months of leaving formal education or becoming unemployed.

Among the many opportunities available, we all suggest you to apply for an European Voluntary Service project, Erasmus for young entrepreneur and, maybe the most important, Eures.

Wilko



HOW TO FIND A JOB IN ANOTHER COUNTRY

We need to realize that getting hired outside of your home country is sometimes difficult, but not impossible. Today we ask Lauren William - a freelance writer/blogger and aspiring world traveller to give advice on the job search in another country. Keep reading to get some helpful pointers.



I: So Lauren, what is the first step of finding a job in another country?

L: If you start your job search when you're still in your home country, it's tempting to rely on classified advertisements and websites. However, statistics say only 10 to 20 percent of job postings are ever published. That means you need to rely on networking events very heavily. Social Media is a great asset if you're not yet moved to another country.

I: You mentioned Social Media, what is so useful about it?

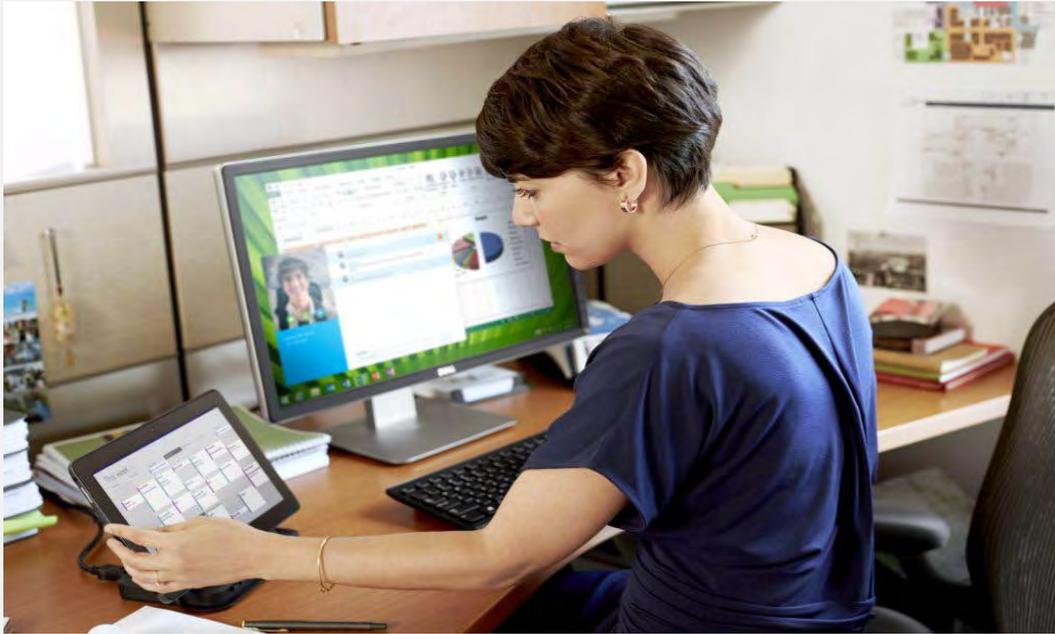
L: It's useful to become aware of foreign Media sources even if you don't intend to focus on them too much throughout your job search.

I: This ties into the first point you said. Is it effective for more than just job searching?

L: Moving to another country almost inevitably causes strong emotions, and one of them is homesickness. Nothing can completely prevent you from missing what's familiar, but it should be much easier to cope later on.

I: Your new job may require you to speak in a language other than your native tongue. What are your suggestions to the people who are reading this?

L: You need to get acquainted with different cultural norms. After you have a good idea of the type of job you want to pursue abroad, dig deeper and discover what kind of skills you need to make a good impression and be an asset.



I: Lauren, thank you so much for your time. I think people all over the world will find this really helpful.

L: As a final point, remember how finding an international job can be a lengthy process that may not be straightforward. You need to be patient. Collect all the relevant country job sites and use them. I wish everyone the best of luck.

Karina

HOW TO MAKE YOUR EDUCATIONAL CHOICES

Life is all about the choices you make and the opportunities you take at young age and as an adult. You set goals and you strive to achieve them. As you get mature you start thinking outside the box and realise that out there you have variety of choices you can make in order to fulfil your dreams. One of the most important choice an adolescent has to make is to choose their education. Then you ask yourself – Is a college degree worth it? How do you choose the best educational path?

You have the opportunity to choose the best choice for you. Education is important but it has to be the right one. Think about your expectations and your dream job. What will you do to get to that dream? Enrol into university, take a college course or maybe you will decide to challenge yourself and study abroad? The answer is simple – you start researching. Analyze all of the options you have and make a wise decision. If you choose to go to university there are some tips you may use in order to pick the best university and course for you. First, visit few universities that you find attractive. Go to open days and ask a lot of questions about university life, the course and the services. Talk to students who have experience at university and collect some ideas and advices. Second, make sure you focus your attention on the details. Pick more than one module for the course that is on the top of your list and browse information in order to know if your expectations are fulfilled. The next step you may take is to speak to your tutors when you go to the open days. Ask for an advice and pick a course easier. Most important thing out of all is to pick something you love because that way you work harder and with passion. Also, you should check out accomodation, buses and shops, the rent price etc.

It is all about the research. Rethink your options, analyze them and see if they suit your qualifications. Believe in yourself and follow your instincts. Then take a step forward and make your dreams come true.

Ana

