Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

Happy New Year!

We would like to wish you a very positive and bright 2015! Hopefully you had a good time back home or here in Denmark.

A new year often starts with a lot of resolutions. Some people promise to eat less or more healthy food, others promise to do more sports or read more books.

We promise to organise plenty of interesting career workshops and events for you. We already planned 10 spouse lunches, 2 special theme events and 4 kid’s events for 2015. Probably we will organise even more, this also depends on your input.

For those who are looking for a job, we also continue in guiding and advising you in how and where to look for a job in Denmark.

On our last event in 2014, some spouses shared their valuable experiences in their job search in Copenhagen. Many spouses start their career in Denmark on a subsidised job (løntilskudsjob) and therefore we introduce you to Dorthe Kingo Vesterlund in this Newsletter.

Don’t hesitate to contact us for more information on subsidised jobs or if you are interested in individual job counselling.

Bye for now and again: Godt nytår!

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” - Albert Einstein
Spotlight: Alternative Job Search Methods - Internship or Employment with salary subsidy?

Why employment with salary subsidy or 4 weeks internship? What does it all mean and how does it work?

It is kind of a ‘try and hire’ where both the candidate and the company can find out if they match. Likewise you get a chance to find out how the environment is in the company, which kind of tasks and responsibilities you will be able to get etc.

How many people get “ordinary” jobs with salary subsidy?

In 2013 34 Copenhagen spouses got a salary subsidy position. Of the spouses who had a salary subsidy position in a private company, 90% had an ordinary job 6 months after the salary subsidy period, and of the spouses who had a salary subsidy position in a public institution, 65% had an ordinary job 6 months after the salary subsidy period.

For more information on internships and employment with salary subsidy please click on this link or sign up here for the next career spouse lunch 14th January, where Dorthe will be talking more about these topics.

What are your tips on how to find a job with salary subsidy or an internship?

If you apply for a job vacancy and you get a rejection, you can contact the company again and propose the salary subsidy solution to them. You can also contact a company of relevance to your skills and apply unsolicited and propose the salary subsidy solution to them.

“Employment with salary subsidy gives you the opportunity to show the company who you are and how you fit into the company.”

DORTHE KINGO

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As an accompanying spouse pursuing a career in Denmark you have the possibility to apply for measures promoting employment. These measures are known as internships (4-13 weeks) or employment with salary subsidy (3-6 months) - løntilskud in Danish. Dorthe Kingo Vesterlund, Project Coordinator at Copenhagen Career Program, which is part of Jobcenter Copenhagen International situated in International House Copenhagen, explains more about these measures:

What are the benefits of an internship or employment with salary subsidy?

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