Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,

Winter tires can be changed again to summer tires (people who own a car and live in Denmark know what I mean), more and more flowers show their beautiful colours, birds are coming back, people are suddenly outside again: it’s April!

We hope new energy and new idea’s are filling up the air and for those looking for a job, in this newsletter, Marianne Funch, an HR professional with years of experience will give you tips on how to search for jobs. Remember to sign up for our spouse lunch in May, where Marianne will be there to give you advice on how to make your sales material (application/CV).

Another exciting event is just around the corner: Easter. As in many other countries, Danes also do eat more eggs, paint eggs and decorate their houses with all kind of “egg ornaments” made by kids (and sometimes grownups).

But in Denmark there is also a unique Easter tradition: many Danes (especially children) do send gækkebrev (teaser letters). A few weeks before Easter (generally done on Valentine’s Day, but many people do it later), Danes cut out letters on which they write a secret poem.

They send the letter anonymously (often accompanied by a snowdrop flower) and only sign it with dots for their name. If the recipient can guess or find out who sent the gækkebrev, he or she receives the reward in form of an egg at Easter.

Enjoy the holidays and see you hopefully at our LinkedIn Spouse Lunch on 8 April.

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia

TEACHING
Institute Sankt Joseph is seeking Mathematics, Science and English teachers for our International Bilingual Program - Deadline 16th April

IT
Volt ApS provides next generation charging solutions for smartphones are growing > 200% pr. year. Current vacant positions:
- PHP Web Developers
- Web & UX Student Position
- Software Engineering Student Position
Spotlight: Meeting and getting advice from an HR professional

Finding the right job can be a job in itself!

There are so many things to consider: What is important to pay attention to in the cover letter and CV? How do you stand out in a very crowded field?

I spoke with HR professional Marianne Funch to get her input on these questions and her advice to job seekers. Marianne is well-versed in the recruitment field and knows exactly what hiring managers are looking for in today's job market.

She has several years of experience working in large international companies related to Life Science, Technical Science and Engineering.

What is your best advice to jobseekers on how they can improve their CV?

I recommend making it short, simple and include a short résumé about yourself, your key skills - and also have a photo that is not outdated, but resembles you.

What is the most unexpected question a candidate has asked you at an interview?

I can't recall a particular question, but I'm always surprised when people are either late, not prepared or have not done any research about our company, NOV Completion & Production Solutions. My best advice is do your basic homework and research before the interview.

What do you love most about your job?

I love finding out more about people’s professional skills, their personality and competences!

Please feel free to attend our next International Career Spouse Lunch 13th May, where Marianne will be sharing more career advice with you. This informal and cozy event provides the opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have in connection to your job search.

“I really enjoy the contact with other people and meeting new faces”

MARIANNE FUNCH
HR Professional

UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY (ISM) - INTERNATIONAL CAREER SPOUSE LUNCH 10.00-13.00hrs

⇒ April 8th - Hands-on approach to LinkedIn - Please register here
⇒ May 13th - Meeting and getting advice from an HR professional - Please register here
⇒ June 10th - Company presentation: BIOGEN IDEC - Please register here

INTERNATIONAL STAFF MOBILITY (ISM) - CROSS-CULTURAL MOBILITY & COPING STRATEGIES

⇒ May 28th - 17.00-20.00 Culture shock and different coping strategies
  by Anna Sircova, psychologist and teacher at Danish Institute for Study Abroad - Please register here

ISM’S PARTNERS

⇒ 15th April - 10.00-12.30 - Copenhagen Career Program
  Information meeting to accompanying spouses pursuing a career in Denmark
  For more information about this event and how to register please see attached document.

Please visit our website for more information on all events www.ism.ku.dk

KID’S EVENTS

Kids Dance Event
April 17th
10.00 - 13.00hrs

Kids dance event is a chance for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and their parents to get their respective grooves on and enjoy learning new moves by dancer Mikala Hoff Skovgaard. Mikala has several years of experience in teaching kids in all ages and adults in various dance forms.

You can read more about this fun event and how to register here.