UPCOMING EVENTS

ON THE LINKS BELOW WE HAVE GATHERED INFORMATION TO HELP AND INSPIRE YOU IN YOUR STAY IN DENMARK

- **7th February 17:00 - 19:30**
  Real Estate & Daily Banking

- **21th February 17:00 –18:30**
  Leisure Guidance & Networking

- **21th February 17:00 –18:30**
  Childcare Services in Copenhagen

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**International Staff Mobility**

*Dear Members of the Dual Career ~ Spouse Network,*

*The days are getting longer and longer. For those of you struggling with the winter darkness: hang in there. The winter can still show its Scandinavian coldness this month, but at least it is getting lighter every day 😊.*

Finding exciting things to do, is the best solution to beat the stormy weather. You need of course to experience fastelavn! [Join us](#) at ISM for a great party and find more useful insight information in our [2016 newsletter](#).

Another exciting opportunity in February is to experience vinterjazz (winter jazz). There will be sounds of jazz all over Denmark when Vinterjazz rolls out its nationwide music programme. During the 3 weeks there are more than 500 concerts to experience at more than 100 different venues all over the country. You can experience international stars on tour, new Danish award-winning projects and different concert themes. Vinterjazz kick-starts the season for the country’s jazz clubs and helps keep the music going all year.

Another feel good festival to visit is Frost Festival, which shines a light in the dark month of February and presents a series of curated music events and light installations at hand-picked locations in the Copenhagen area.

Connecting music, light and alternative spaces Frost Festival challenges the common concert format and reinstates its elements into innovative events. These once-in-a-lifetime events invite guests to explore the city in the winter and at the same time experience music presented in a new light. Thus, the collaboration between music, venues and light forms new unique synergies, the festival’s ambition.

We are also as always organising plenty of [ISM events](#) for you and your family.

So put on your jacket and meet dressed up children, jazz music, and light art in and around Copenhagen.

We hope to see you soon!

Mark de Vos & Mary K. Kobia

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*In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.*

*Albert Camus*
Spotlight: Pursuing a career in a Start-up!

How long did it take for you to find a job in DK? It took me about a month to find a job and the most challenging thing was finding a job where I could use my 'unique selling points', which in my case is my knowledge of Dutch and French.

What surprised you the most about the Danish job interview? They really want to know about you as a person, and not only as an employee. In Belgium a recruiter will not ask what you do when you are not working. Here it is an important part to also show what your interests are outside of work.

What is your best advice to someone going for a job interview? Be confident and ask advice about the Danish style of recruitment. It helped me a lot to know what they were going to ask, and to get feedback on my answers and the way I looked and sounded when doing the interview.

Where did you find support? It helped a lot getting feedback from ISM’s Dual Career Services, and more specifically Mary, who motivated me and tried to empower me. This really helped me in being confident and believing that I was the right person for the job.

What are you most excited about doing in your new job? I really look forward to working in a Start-up, where I can meet many new people from all over the world. I really like learning about other cultures, so I am convinced this is something I will be doing a lot in my new job. I also look forward to learning more about sales and how to be an even more effective communicator!

What advice do you have to give to other spouses? Try to find a job where you can use your unique skills. I get the impression that Danes have a very good knowledge of English, so for me that wasn't something where I stood out. Also ask for help from ISM, because they have a lot of knowledge and really motivate you!

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When you get a job interview, try not to be too nervous, since it is also a chance for you to see if you want to work in the company!

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- **International Career Mini Workshops: Networking Dos and Don’t.** Come and be inspired on how you can improve your network skills and get hands-on tools on how to network in Denmark!
  - **Registration**
  - **Job interview workshop:** Congratulations! You have been invited for a job interview, but would like some assistance in improving your verbal and nonverbal communication.
  - **Registration**
  - **IDCN CV Clinic Event:** Find out how to stand out: CV and personality assessment!
  - **Registration** and **Programme**
  - **My story can be yours!** Input on how to network and find a job in Denmark from a KU-spouse. Meet Marie Sorivelle who shares her personal story living and working in Denmark.
  - **Registration**

KID’S EVENTS

**FASTELAVN**

February 10th
12:00-15:00 hrs.

To celebrate the new year and the Danish tradition of *Fastelavn*, we would like to invite you and your children for a day of fun and creative activities for the entire family at International House Copenhagen!

**Registration**