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Career Event Hosted by DTU



Vanita Singh



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Networking Session

Our last career event of the year, hosted by DTU on 16 November, focused internship and salary subsidies in Denmark.

Representatives from DTU and Lyngby Municipality provided IDCN Partner Members with detailed information about the salary subsidy scheme, while DTU career coach Mette Nellesberg described the best ways to approach companies for internship opportunities. One of the highlights was DTU's Vanita Singh inspiring success story, in which she described the problems she had overcome to achieve her career goals in Denmark.

The second half of the day explored the corporate perspective on internship. Dong's Anne Klein and Chandini Ravindra, intern at Dong, shared their joint experiences, while DTU's Tina Messerschmidt encouraged the Corporate Members to try internships in their companies by sharing some ideas of possible tasks for interns. This was followed by a Q&A panel with representatives of Dong, University of Copenhagen and Lyngby Municipality. The event closed with a successful networking session bringing together partners and Corporate Members.

You can find a more detailed report on the event on our [LinkedIn](#) group.



SUCCESS STORY : HANNEKE HUBERTS

What did IDCN bring to your professional career?

IDCN brought me a lot! It brought me new skills, confidence and networking opportunities. When I started volunteering on the IDCN Partner Committee I didn't expect I would learn so many new skills and gain so much more confidence. I began volunteering in the Events Team and later on got the possibility to join the Management Team. I got recognition for all the things I was doing and that felt really good. Looking for a job, which I was doing, is hard, so getting some recognition is important. It made me keep my head up.

I also gave a presentation at Mærsk, as president of the IDCN Partner Committee. I spoke in front of about 100 people, which I had never done before. But IDCN gave me the chance. IDCN also gave me the opportunity to network with people more easily and I got contacts at various companies. Not to mention the fun I had and the friendships I built.

What is your advice for our IDCN Partner Members?

My advice is to attend the events, which not only gives you information for your job search, but is also a place to meet people. Also use IDCN to connect with people. IDCN is an interesting subject to start the conversation and then you can ask about their position/company and in the meantime tell them more about yourself. Thirdly, get involved in IDCN as much as you can. Sign up to volunteer, keep in touch with the Partner Committee, and make clear that you want to become more involved.

More generally, invest in networking, talk to people and ask them for new contacts. The more people know about you and your job search the better. And think about internships/subsidized salary positions. Although it might feel that you are going back down the ladder, it is a good opportunity to start in a new country and to prove yourself. Then you can just go back up the ladder afterwards!

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Hanneke Huberts, a former IDCN partner member, is now working in administrative support at One.com, a Danish web hosting company. We asked her for tips for job seeking success in Denmark.



*Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!*

IDCN Copenhagen Team



IDCN's next career event will be hosted by **Vestas** on January 20th, 2017. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your network and learn more about working in Denmark!

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