Spring has arrived in Denmark!

While the Danish winter can be cold and dark, during spring, Copenhagen is buzzing with life, with numerous festivals and events. If you want to experience the real Copenhagen, now is the perfect time!

The Bloom Festival

One such event is the Bloom Festival. It is a two-day event focused on nature and science. It consists of talks, walks, debates, concerts, food and art in the beautiful park at Søndermarken in Valby from the 25-26th of May. It is free to participate.

You can read more here.

2019 Copenhagen Marathon

On May 19th, the famous Copenhagen Marathon takes place.

The route passes through most areas of central Copenhagen and there will be lots of family friendly and interactive events (marked on the map below), including live music and exotic food tasting.

You can read more here.

See you soon!

Mary K. Kobia and Mark de Vos

“...The month of May is the pleasant time; its face is beautiful; the blackbird sings his full song, the living wood is his holding, the cuckoos are singing and ever singing; there is a welcome before the brightness of the summer.

Lady Gregory, Irish dramatist and folklorist
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Through my networking, I heard of the company where I am doing my internship at this moment. I was recommended to visit The Hub, which is an amazing platform to search for different start-ups and explore the variety of opportunities. I saw this position, applied for it and got the job. My advice to everyone is to explore each website you hear about, use LinkedIn, write to employers and employees, invite them on a coffee meeting or just give them a direct call. Ask them for 10 minutes!

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What is your best advice to others seeking a job? Keep doing whatever makes you alive and productive. Do not hesitate to accept small jobs! You start with small steps and remember nothing happens overnight. Try everything and do not give up. Remember motivation does not come easily, you have to chase it! Do be afraid to accept new knowledge and challenges as well be open and explore your limits.

I believe this internship will open many doors for my professional career. What makes me happy about this job is that I am working on a process that will help improve the quality of our lives and educate people on how we should act in order to save the planet and use natural resources wisely.

Blue Benu is a start up founded in 2018 focused on finding new and more environmentally friendly ways to approach waste management.

Spotlight: Zorica Simin’s story

Zorica Simin
From Serbia
MSc in Chemical Engineering
Process Engineer at Blue Benu

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I learned from the workshops held at the International House about coffee meetings. I experienced that my network on LinkedIn doubled and I connected with many people and got useful information from most of them. I started networking with people using this platform and also during IDCN Copenhagen events organized by different corporates. I think such events are a great opportunity to get tips about the Danish culture and how to approach the Danish job market. After a bunch of advice, I started with most exhausting and demanding thing, CALLING. I did not like it at first but then I realized Why not? If this is going to help me to find a job, I would like to help myself in best possible way. This is just a practice and you just have to be natural. Nobody will bite you.

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UPCOMING CAREER EVENT

16th May
10:00 - 13:00
Workshop: Career opportunities for PhDs outside academia

What should PhD students do to get jobs outside academia? Which jobs exist beyond academia and what skills are in demand? How can you prepare for an alternative career path applying your research skills? These questions and many more will all be answered, at this unique career event. We will be serving a light lunch after the workshop.

Registration