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WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW? AND WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING SINCE FINISHING UNI?

At the moment of writing this I have been unemployed for 36 hours, so now my day is filled to the brim with online courses as to how one makes the most effective resume and how not to botch an interview. Before those 36 hours started, I worked as a Publishing Coordinator for one of the largest linkbuilding companies in Europe. I had been with the company for three years (the last year of my BA degree and all throughout my Masters), and when I handed in my thesis they offered me a position in their team in southern Spain and I accepted. However, you never know what life throws at you, and after almost three months in the position I decided to move back to Denmark.

HOW HAS YOUR TIME AT UNI PREPARED YOU FOR YOUR CURRENT JOB?

I am now capable of organising and administering very large amounts of data, information and tasks in my work. Uni taught me how to sort and prioritise the different factors of my work, whether it be a smaller essay or a larger scale project for a client who spends thousands of euros on a well-made product. They taught me that it is not possible to do everything, every time, so you have to be able to localise what needs to be done ASAP and what might wait until there is again a bit more room to breathe. These are invaluable skills without which I would not have been able to function as effectively in my position without.



WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON YOU LEARNED DURING YOUR TIME AT UNI?

One of the first, and perhaps one of the most important, lessons I learned at uni is that it is okay to shift perspectives, change your course and find another way to become fulfilled. Uni creates the best and most flexible frames in which you can decide what you would like to do and be, and they do so by assuring you that it is okay and sometimes even encouraged to question what you believe to be the path set in stone.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY FROM YOUR TIME AT THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT?

I think one of the most memorable ones was on my second semester. We had our linguistics exam, which meant three days of (to me at least) unending panic. However, during the last 24 hours before having to hand in the paper, almost my entire class met in Esperanto, and we all studied for the exam together. We piled snacks, blankets and notes from our lectures and we camped there until 3 in the morning. It was almost 30 students in that hall, all working towards the same goal.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE?

My dreams and hopes for the future are very mundane. I would like to live in an apartment suitable for me (and the golden retriever I would love to have). I would like to work within the publishing industry and perhaps be a part of the team that one day discovers the new Harry Potter. Either that, or work in marketing. And I would love to start studying again some day.