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

I am currently employed at Aarhus HF & VUC as a high school teacher. I was remarkably lucky to land a gig in August following the completion of my MA thesis shout out to Dale, supervisor and trusted confidant so I didn't really enjoy too much free time before skiddling into the shark cage. Life is wild, folks.

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

I can say in no uncertain terms that the uni experience played such a crucial role in how things have shaped out for me so far. The academic and social lessons and experiences from my time at the English department are to a significant extent applicable to the microcosm of high school life, at least with the age group in the 16-55 scope that I teach at HF.



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

During my stay at the English department, I experienced a bunch of lovely faces that were nonetheless worried about what fate had in store for them in the future. We all asked tedious questions such as "what can I do with this degree" and "is it good for anything at all". In my experience, these woes are best lifted when we approach each other at eye-level and push forward - together - under the credo "who cares, we're all in this together" \*Cue Zac Efron in a tracksuit\*

#### WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY FROM YOUR TIME AT THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT? In all simplicity, the personnel and the peers. Maybe add the tremendous Yule Balls to that list too.

## WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE?

The overarching philosophy that I will forever cherish is that it is healthy to seek nourishment and enrichment in life, whatever that might mean for you. Maybe a yearlong trip to a coding camp in Malaysia or just a precious partner, some boxed wine and a cat, who knows. Care for and love yourself, you deserve it.