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

I am currently in my first year of a two-year professional postgraduate teaching training programme at GUX Nuuk, where I teach English and History. I started working at GUX Nuuk shortly after finishing my MA degree.

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

My time at uni definitely taught me how to structure and prioritise my time. I also realised that asking for help is not an admittance of defeat, and I believe that that is a valuable lesson when you are new in any job. Furthermore, my time as an instructor at the English Department helped me confirm that I wanted to teach.



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

I learned a lot of lessons during my time at the university, but I think the most important one was understanding that sometimes, you need a break from studying, and that is okay. Allowing yourself to take a break can actually help you to work more efficiently.

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

I have a lot of great memories from my time at the English Department, but very few of them are as truly magical as the ones from the annual Yule Ball. The Yule Balls themselves are always amazing, but being a part of the months of planning and preparing that goes into the Yule Balls was just as fantastic.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE?

I love learning new things, and at the moment, I am constantly learning new things. Therefore, I hope that I can continue learning and evolving for the rest of my life. Besides that, the ultimate dream is to work at a small high school in Southern Jutland surrounded by family and friends.