

# PUT YOUR SKILLS TO USE IN EAST JUTLAND



BusinessregionAarhus

# What can **you** do to **get started?**

- 1 **Consider the competencies you possess. Think big.** You might not be able to find a job that is a 100% match to your qualifications, but other opportunities may be out there
- 2 **Search for job openings using both job and company databases**
- 3 **Customize your CVs and job applications**
- 4 **Build a strong LinkedIn presence**
- 5 **Build a strong professional network - use every chance you get to network**
- 6 **Consider becoming a volunteer- it's a great way to build your network**

Contact us - sooner rather than later. The earlier you contact us, the sooner we can begin to help you with your entry into the labour market. You can find our contact information in this folder.

# We can help you get started

*Did you move to East Jutland as an accompanying partner to an international specialist worker? Do you want to continue your career, or gain a connection to the job market? If the answers to these questions are yes, then we can help you.*

Business Region Aarhus consists of 12 East Jutland municipalities: Hedensted, Horsens, Skanderborg, Samsø, Odder, Norddjurs, Syddjurs, Randers, Silkeborg, Favrskov, Viborg and Aarhus. We are working together to help international spouses and partners with their transition into the job market.

Together we are many consultants working across the municipal borders of East Jutland. This means that we can cast a wider net, heightening the chances of finding job related opportunities.

We can help you with learning how to build and strengthen your network, understanding and optimizing your career opportunities, and figuring out how to search for jobs in East Jutland.

We have experience working with international accompanying partners, and we understand what it means to you to become part of the job market. When we use the term “job related opportunities” we are referring to a variety of different offers, such as coffee meetings, opportunities for networking, workshops, company internships, wage subsidized jobs, short-term jobs, or regular employment.

If you would like to learn more, our contact information can be found on the business card attached to this folder. We look forward to hearing from you.



# Coffee meetings opened the door to a job

*Boreum Jung has more than had her fair share of coffee – having drunk so much of it during her numerous coffee meetings throughout her job hunt. Fortunately, her coffee drinking efforts were rewarded, and today she is permanently employed in the fixture manufacturing company VOLA, based in Horsens.*

For Boreum integrating into life in Denmark, was quite a challenge without employment. Additionally, she found that as an accompanying partner, finding a job that matched her competencies, was proving to be quite difficult.

*“In Denmark your job and your identity are tied closely together. You are constantly asked what you do for a living, and I didn’t have an answer to that question before now,”* says Boreum, who arrived in Denmark in De-

cember 2017 with her husband, when he landed a job as a specialist at Vestas. Boreum holds a bachelor’s degree in Japanese language and literature, and a master’s degree in International Relations specialized in East Asia. Boreum was painfully aware of the fact that she could not continue to live in East Jutland, if she didn’t get a job. *“I don’t want to spend my life sitting at home, when I am well educated. My husband and I would have left Denmark, if I did not find a job.”*



### **Landing the dream job**

Boreum now has her dream job at VOLA, but her journey there has not been an easy one.

With the help of a job consultant at her local Job Center, she was able to optimize her job search, build and strengthen her professional network, and learn the ins and outs of the of the Danish labour market.

Boreum had at least 25 coffee meetings, before she found the perfect match in VOLA. At VOLA she was initially hired with a wage subsidy, but it didn't take long for them to realize how

much the company could benefit from her specialized competencies. Boreum speaks English, Korean, and Japanese, and VOLA was ready to break into both the Japanese and Korean markets.

### **Danish work culture**

One of Boreum's best experiences this far, has been the Danish work culture. *"I really enjoy the informal work environment. It is so different from what I was used to. For example, my manager sits right next to the rest of us, so we can quickly bounce ideas off each other."*

# It takes courage to move to a new country

*Despite lacking language skills in both Danish and English, Argentinian Laura Bianchi has managed to break into the East Jutland labour market in two exciting positions.*

*"I really enjoy the Danish way of being present in life. This applies both to work, but also when they "hygger" in their free time. And I can easily manage the bad weather" says a smiling Laura, who is a certified psychologist. Before she moved to Denmark, Laura held a great job within HR, working in Argentina's fourth largest city, Mendoza— that is, until her partner was offered a post-doctoral research position at Aarhus University.*


*"I agreed to come along. But I felt very far from home, when I was suddenly sitting alone in an apartment in Aarhus, as my husband left for work each day. I was afraid to go shopping, because I was unable to speak any Danish and only a little English at*

*that time. I felt like I lost my identity" reflects Laura.*

*Danish will unlikely ever be Laura's favorite language. "You have a very difficult language," says Laura as she tries to pronounce a Danish word and laughs, "I taught myself English, and began networking in all the organizations that exist for spouses. And then I gained the courage to do more".*

## **A foot in the door**

*After Laura contacted a consultant at her local Job Center, things began to move quite quickly. "I received help with optimizing my CV, fine-tuning my LinkedIn profile, and then I got a business mentor. I'm from a very bureaucratic country, so it was won-*



*derful to experience a system in which so many things were possible. It all resulted in an internship with Grundfos in their HR department, which I enjoyed immensely. It was also really great for my CV, that I had worked for such a large international company." Eventually Laura went on to work at Aarhus University in the department for International Academic Staff.*

*"I really enjoy the Danish way of working. You have so much freedom, trust, and responsibility in your job. I have had mentors in both my jobs, and that has meant a lot to me. And I realized that while I am a certified psychologist, I needed to think beyond my education if I wanted to find work. Doing that really expanded my job options."*

# What we offer

If you are trying to find your way into the Danish labour market, then Business Region Aarhus has several offers that can help you on your way. Business Region Aarhus is a partnership between 12 municipalities: Hedensted, Horsens, Skanderborg, Samsø, Odder, Norddjurs, Syddjurs, Randers, Silkeborg, Favrskov, Viborg and Aarhus. Don't hesitate to contact us. We have extensive knowledge of the business landscape of East Jutland, and therefore we are well poised to help you tailor your job search process.

For example, we can help you with:

- Mapping your competencies and understanding where they can be used.
- Building and strengthening your professional network and helping to facilitate contact with potential employers.
- Connecting you to seminars and events that deepen your knowledge of the Danish job market.
- Assistance with company internships and wage subsidized employment if you are eligible.
- Providing workshops designed specifically for international job seeker. Such as:
  - CV and Competency Mapping for International Job Seekers.
  - How to use LinkedIn to get closer to the Job Market.
  - How to Write a good Job Application.
  - How to prepare for a Job Interview

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