

Alternative ways to find a job

Thirty five young people from Italy, Lithuania, Spain, Portugal, France, Greece and Slovakia participated in Erasmus + Youth exchange **Control - Job - Alternative** in Nitra and prepared tips and recommendations for young people, who are searching for a job or would like to create a dream job.

TIP #1 Stay active and initiative by following these three steps:

1. Always have your CV available so you can give it to a suitable company at any time even if it's not planned.
2. Put your CV online to every platform available.
3. Have a game plan (strategy) and apply it.

TIP #2 Instead of searching for a job in a job agency (labour office) we recommend:

1. Register on the social working network LinkedIn. Write a CV and update it accordingly and have many good connections.
2. Try an online job agency such as Infojobs (Spain). Write a good motivation letter, have a good CV and do not forget to take care of your profile.
3. Ask your friends and let people know that you are searching for a new job on social media.

TIP #3 Instead of printed newspapers and classified advertising try:

1. Websites such as: www.cv.lt, www.en.cvbankas.lt (Lithuania), LinkedIn and Facebook groups related to job search.
2. Visit local labour offices or job agencies.
3. Use all connections you can including your friends and family members and let them know that you are searching for a job.

TIP #4 Present yourself well when searching for a job:

1. Pay attention to your social media presence and Google results.
2. Conduct yourself well, be aware of your body language, listen actively, have good manners, pay attention to your appearance and train your communication skills (the vocabulary you use, tone of voice).
3. Get prepared, have knowledge of the potential employer / company.

TIP #5 In order to have appropriate professional connections:

1. Have your personal professional network updated (LinkedIn, CV, recommendation letter, social media).
2. Create mutual references with your group of friends, your sport team, hobby group, colleagues, teachers, university schoolmates and a group of people with the same interests.
3. Show your work face-to-face when possible. For example job fairs, internships, voluntary work, exchanges, travels, social media, events and social activities.

