

UVA CAREER DAY



Preparation for students for the Career Day Company Fair

The Career Day gives you the opportunity to meet potential employers. In the 'Muziekzaal', you will find people gathering who work for organisations that contribute to 'a better world'.

Some of those organisations are actively looking for talented graduates. A great chance for you to get in contact with your possible new employer! And there's more good news: the people at the company fair have a lot of knowledge and experience that can be of great value for you.

Just a few of the companies that will be represented at the UVA Career Day: Quicargo, Worldconnectors, ShareNL, Ashoka and Social Enterprise NL.

Prepare yourself optimally to your meetings. For example by following these principles:

1. I introduce myself: you can introduce yourself in 20 seconds. Mentioning your name and study might be enough. You might want to tell a little more about yourself: what you're looking for, or what you want to contribute to society.
2. I follow my own curiosity: ask questions that come from your interest. What are you curious of? What do you already know about the subject, and what more would you like to know? These can be questions on a personal level: how does your workday look like? What motivates you? Or more on organisation level: Wat does your organisation want to contribute?
3. I profile myself if I'm looking for work in that direction: you can tell what kind of job you're hunting for, when you'll be available, and you can ask if the person you're meeting has advice for you about how to apply. You might want to ask about current vacancies, or possibilities in the future.
4. I know what I have to offer, also during my studies: think about the option of your thesis. Can you contribute with your thesis to the organization goals? Can you be of service to them, and at the same time follow your own curiosity in the research you want to do?
5. I keep in contact with the people I click with: you maybe have a nice meeting and you're interested in following the person or his/her organization. You can ask what the best way would be to do so. A website? LinkedIn? Other sources of information, for example a professional journal?

