

# Dreaming turned out to be the right thing to do



Who has never dreamt of new horizons, far-off countries with a different life style – not necessarily easier, but more exciting? Who has never wished to drop the everyday routine for a new fantastic and fulfilling experience?

What does all that mean actually? To emigrate and work in another European country is no picnic - let's face it. But, at the same time let's admit that finding job opportunities in Europe has become far more easier for young and lesser young people. And more and more of them take the plunge – they seem quite satisfied about it...

**Tom:** I left London for Denmark, in search of a brand new life. What amazed me was that as an electrician, I easily found a job in a completely different field – farming. I've learnt a great deal and now, my life is just as I expected it – close to nature and many friends I share the same life style with.

**George:** Leaving Manchester was not an easy thing to do, all the more since I did not speak a word of Finnish... But I met a few very nice and helpful people. And I gradually became integrated. In addition, my training as a plumber was a great asset in Finland.

**Susan:** I come from a farmers family and I've always thought that the mentality of the farming world could serve me in another job. Currently, I work as a cook assistant in the region of Vilnius. My language skills are improving, my boss appreciates my ideas and I am proud I took the risk to leap into the unknown. I believe that one day, I'll travel home all the richer for that experience.



**Brian:** In the UK, my career had come to a standstill and I felt the need to create my own business – a joiner's workshop. I found a good opportunity to do so in Poland. It's been three years now since I've emigrated to Poland and definitely, I don't regret my choice. Of course, my family and I had to adjust ourselves to our new life and make a great deal of efforts but it was worth it and the result is quite successful. I don't believe we'll move back to the UK.

**Heather:** Coming from a little town such as Canterbury and becoming integrated in Budapest is quite a challenge, even when you're fluent in Hungarian. But my training as a tailor combined with some experience were very helpful – I made a good professional start in a carpet manufacturing company!

Well, although moving abroad may not be a heavenly situation right from the start, in the end, it often seems to be quite worthwhile. The "mobility" projects are progressing fast within Europe. If

you feel tempted by such a "new horizons" experience, the following site will provide you with many useful information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/workersmobility2006>

*It will be developing fast within the next few weeks and months. So stop by, take a look and visit the site regularly!*