

STUDY AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES IN ITALY

Progetto Giovani is a guidance service the Municipality of Padua offers to all young people aged 15-35.

Operators can help you find and select all the information you need to choose consciously: training paths, job opportunities, international mobility experiences, and volunteer and leisure activities.

We have interviewed **Ms Laura Zago**, one of the responsables of the **Informagiovani** office.



1. What qualities would you consider most important for a job candidate? What is important regardless of the job?
Determination, professional but also non professional experience such as volunteering, flexibility and motivation above all.
2. What skills do we need to develop before applying for a job?
Soft skills, relational skills and organizational skills. They are all important both for those who work as self-employed and for those who work as employees.
3. Why are communication skills so important in the world of work?

Working is to enter a context, and you will always work within a workgroup and therefore it is crucial to be able to communicate appropriately.

4. How can we develop our communication skills?
For a young person very useful are the other experiences outside of the professional ones: volunteering, for example scouts, experiences abroad, from cultural exchanges to study abroad experiences. These are formative because you are away from home, you speak another language, The rules are not the same and this puts you to the test and makes you more confident.
5. Do you think "team work/collaboration" is one of the skills needed in the world of work?
Yes, it strengthens relational skills.
6. What do you think is important to the employer when it comes to working experience?
Enthusiasm, a bit of humility and desire to learn.
7. What is most important in writing a good CV?
To have the objective clear, to focus on the use you want to make and to be clear even from a graphical point of view. The clarity you have in yourself is transmitted in the way you write.
8. What skills would we need in case we decide to set up our own companies in the future?
The desire to get into the game, the technical know-how, to have a good network, to have the right contacts out, the more contacts you have the easier it is.
9. What are the advantages and the disadvantages of being an entrepreneur?
Advantages: Satisfaction in seeing the start and growth of your own project.
Disadvantages: insecurity and more responsibility, may be more stressful.

10. Which job types you think will be most most threatened by automation?
Most of the simplest jobs, production, generic workers that will be replaced by machines, banks, auctions and even farms. Automation will never replace creative work.
11. In what way can it be an advantage for the professional or personal development to study abroad?
To acquire flexibility, adaptation skills, autonomy, language knowledge and knowledge of a different labour market.
12. What skills would we need most in case we decide to study abroad?
Linguistic knowledge, knowledge of the school system abroad, motivation, because it is beautiful but difficult and you have to be convinced to do it and not to go back.
13. Have you ever considered studying or working abroad? What held you back or motivated you?
Yes, I studied abroad. It was motivated by the idea of getting into the game. The difficulties have been expenses, and having to alternate study with work.
14. Which jobs are more popular nowadays? What skills are most important for this job?
Work on information, information technology and technology.
15. Do you think high school or university graduates in our country are equipped with skills needed in the world of work?
16. No, I think there is still too much distance between the world of school, college, and work but we are doing something to bring them closer, for example with work related learning experiences at school.
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