

**A good job is the basis
of a good life.**

**Which role should work
play in our life?**

What did you think of it? Some quotes from the forum

- ▶ Work is important for every single individual, because to work means to live.
- ▶ The role of work in our life depends on the kind of work.
- ▶ People who do not work are isolated.
- ▶ Every worker has the right to working conditions which respect his or her health, safety and dignity.
- ▶ Work is one of the major factors for achieving personal satisfaction and succes in life.

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- ▶ For me work is important, but there are many things in life that are more important than work.
- ▶ If there would not be work, there would not be such great inventions and discoveries. So work for me is one of the highest priorities.
- ▶ At the end work gives the freedom of doing what we like in our spare time.
- ▶ Personally it means a lot to me to have a job that reflects my values and a job where I can make the difference.

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- ▶ If I work all the time then the important relationships to people I love wouldn't be there.
- ▶ It is impossible for someone not to work since it would lead to a boring life.
- ▶ Mean objective of work is to earn money necessary for living.
- ▶ For each of us work has a different value, but one should never forget, that work should not be the only vital interest.
- ▶ Basically work is the duty of our daily life, but should be fun also.

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- ▶ In the Christian civilization, the work was assumed as way to emancipation.
- ▶ Work is for me the remunerative dimension of the human life.
- ▶ Work – the magic word that provides you everything that you would like to achieve in your life.
- ▶ Without work, you can not express yourself in the society, you can not make yourself known by the others as an individual.
- ▶ You need work to make a contribution to your country and to your family.

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- ▶ Work is one of the founders of human dignity. Therefore, it is not so much the question of what you do, but more of a thing doing anything at all.



The role of work : how we dream it!

Work should fulfill the following needs :

- the need to contribute to society.
- the need of self realization.
- the need for continues personal growth.
- the need for income
- the need to be connected in a social network.
- the need to express express identity.

Work should be a part of a balanced life, also leaving room for family-, friends- and personal time.

How far are we still away from this dream?

- ▶ Some young workers are working in insecure and informal work. Often because they lack other opportunities.
- ▶ Unemployment rates for youngsters and migrant people reach in most EU countries a high level.
- ▶ Do temporary contracts and interimwork decrease the quality of work? There is no strong relation of engagement and care between employers and workers.
- ▶ To work more hours than expected, and hence having less other quality time, is often felt like a normal way of showing loyalty and flexibility.

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- ▶ Because in almost all EU countries the costs of the basic needs are increasing, the aspect of work as a tool for earning money becomes more important.
- ▶ Some workers have no pleasure in the work they are carrying out.
- ▶ Not every job is equally respected by society.
- ▶ There are still important gender differences concerning chances, respect and wages on the labour market.