Students Get to Know about Workplace Knowledge Practices

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LAUREA INFORMATION AND PUBLICATIONS SERVICES

6 Campus Libraries in The Greater Helsinki Metropolitan Area

8000 students, 500 staff (library staff 17)

Books printed 120,000 / e-books 120,000
200,000 library visits
360,000 loans

https://upload.wikimedia.org/
How can we know what’s going on in the working life of our graduates?
- find out

How can we pass this information to students?
- change IL guidance
FIND OUT FROM THOSE WHO KNOW IN PRACTICE

LIBRARIAN

How about your knowledge practices at work?

ALUMNI

Glad you asked....
FIND OUT TOGETHER WITH LAUREA ALUMNI RELATIONS COORDINATOR

JOINT ACTIVITIES:

- Pop up libraries in alumni events
- Library staff member in Laurea alumni activities development group
- Alumni lecturer database
- Building relations via alumni marketing channels
FIND OUT TOGETHER IN LAUREA LIBRARY WORKPLACE IL TEAM

✓ Analyses of Laurea publications, e.g. My Laurea (stories by alumni)
✓ Looking at current research
✓ Participation in projects related to students & working life
Respository "Handling information in daily work" on wiki
✓ Alumni interviews
✓ Alumni seminars

- Information sources in daily work
- Professional networks
- Keeping up professional expertise
- What should be taught to students
- Library-alumni collaboration

Partner libraries’ workplace IL group
✓ Develop IL guidance
PASSING INFORMATION TO STUDENTS NOW

✓ Laurea LibGuides a tool for students and alumni

Nursing: Other resources

- **Fimea - Finnish Medicines Agency**
  Fimea's regulations, guidelines and decisions in the Legislation section.

- **Finnish Institute of Occupational Health - TTL**
  Conference Publications, Dissertations etc.

- **Valvira - National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health**
  Guides, reports, legislation etc.

- **The Family Federation of Finland (Viestiöliitto)**
  Research and Library services

- **LocalFinland.fi - the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities (Kuntaliitto)**
  Publications, statistics etc.

- **Pharmaceutical Information Centre Ltd (Lääketietokeskus)**
  Info about services, products (Pharmaca Fennica ©, Kodin Lääkeopas™, Lääkekortti.fi, Lääkeinfo.fi) and pharmaceutical seminars.

✓ Videos for students: alumni describe information practices at work

✓ Knowledge sharing, networks & OA brought up in IL guidance
FUTURE PLANS

- Develop subject specific LibGuides further with information sources supporting working life

- Additional page to LibGuides with general working life IL skills

- Check list about working life practices when students are trainees

- Alumni video interviews by students during multimedia course

- Continue current actions
OBSERVATIONS

✓ Importance of professional networks in daily work
✓ Important to find about knowledge practices when starting in a new job
✓ Identify key persons in info flow
✓ Information sources taught at universities often differ from those used in daily work
✓ Open access information by organizations are not well known
✓ Alumni feel it is difficult to manage the information flow

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Also libraries have responsibility to enhance skills needed at work after graduation

THANK YOU!

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