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Internet chat room: Going to university is a waste of time

I left school at sixteen, worked at Burger King and was made manager before leaving to work in a call center at the age of 20. I am 26 and earn over €50,000 a year. I have no student debts and I own two houses. I agree that going to university is a waste of time. There are too many graduates on the job market and not enough skilled workers. A mate of mine has a degree in business and has just finished retraining as a plumber because he couldn't find work. The University of Life has much more to offer.

Finnbar O'Driscoll, Waterford

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Internet chat room: Sunday shop opening hours in Bavaria

I am English and live in Munich. As I work for a busy consulting firm, I often have to work late at night and on Saturdays. This means that sometimes I don't have the chance to get to a supermarket before it closes on Saturday and have no food at home for the rest of the weekend. If the shops were open on Sundays in Bavaria, I would not have this problem. In Britain all shops are open on Sundays, so there is always somewhere you can go to buy food. The few occasions when shops in Bavaria do open on a Sunday are always very popular. It's time that shop opening hours were relaxed in Bavaria for everyone's sake.

Greg Elwell, Munich