



Gröpelinger News

from District #1

While many people are sent to short time work or even lose their jobs, many others must work even more. An interview with an employee from DHL.

What has changed in the workplace due to Corona?

Right at the beginning two cases were discovered in the administration. This scared many of us and led to people calling in sick in the night shift. They were afraid of getting infected themselves. Then the staff director came and talked to us. He said the things were under control and we shouldn't be scared. We were all young and our immune system was strong.

Did anything change at work?

The only thing that was done to protect us was to put a couple desinfectants at the entrance of the workplace and to tell us that we should all bring our own drinks with us. And they said we shouldn't shake hands anymore and gave us flyers about Corona. What changed was that we work more since Corona began. The shift hours were increased from 5 to 7.

Do you feel safe?

I personally feel safe. I haven't shown any symptoms of Corona until now. But like I said, at work there were little changes or protective measures.

Do you speak with your colleagues about the situation? What do they think?

Yes, we talk about it. We give tips to each other on what we can do to stay healthy. Some of them don't take the situation seriously and make jokes about it. We always talk about the most recent numbers of new infections and deaths. But we also talk about how the health system here is stronger in comparison to the countries we come from. That is a certain reassurance.

What do you think solidarity means in times of Corona?

Solidarity means, in my opinion, to have the feeling that one has a value in this society and is not just a gear in a big machine. There is also a feeling of responsibility and belonging to the society in which I live, especially in crisis times like the Corona crisis. It is also important to make sure that one's own rights are respected and that for example one will not be let go.

Ahmet, 37 works in DHL

The consequences of the Corona crisis are dangerous for a lot of people. Many of them are afraid of getting infected or losing loved ones. On top of that come the financial scares or extra stress at home. As we cannot so easily meet with each other anymore, many are left to handle their problems alone. ► We want to counter this!

Starting from now, we will regularly publish experiences of people from Groningen on Facebook, on our website and in this journal. Write to us on how your life has changed due to Corona. What does solidarity mean to you in times of Corona? And what can we do so that at the end we don't carry the cost of the crisis, while billions are being pumped into the financial sector and the corporations?

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Help for shopping, looking after children, etc.: **Neighbourhood help: 015779 881572**
www.nachbarschaftshilfe-hb.de

For domestic violence and crisis:

080 00 11 60 16

www.mhm-bremen.de
Tennants protection alliance: 0421 3378455

Employee division: 0421 3 63 0111

Problems with Jobcenter: **Solidarity help: 0421 69 67 58 730**

