

## AIKB Radio Project: Out & About

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### Employment

Interviewer	Hello Jill, could you tell me how long you've lived here in Brittany?
Jill	I've lived here for eight years now. That time has passed very, very quickly as well.
Interviewer	What attracted you to move here?
Jill	My ex-partner and myself, we actually ran a garage and we were working all hours God sent. I found it was really just too much and, at the end of the day, after paying all the bills etc, we ended up really with nothing and there was no quality of life, so we decided to make the move to France. Having been to France quite often and really enjoyed it, we just thought we'd make a go of it because you've only got one chance in life and, voilà, there we were.
Interviewer	What did you do to help you settle into the area and your neighbourhood?
Jill	We found it very, very difficult at first. My son, when we arrived, was four years old and we took him to the local school. I met a couple of women there. Basically they introduced us and integrated us into the little local area.
Interviewer	Having decided to work, how did you go about this?
Jill	Well, the first step you've got to do is you have to register at the Unemployment Office, which is called ASSEDIC, and then from ASSEDIC you go to ANPE, the Job Centre. They'll help you with your CV, they'll help you if you're not sure about the procedure for finding a job. They really are good. There was also an organisation, which I was told about, called CLPS, which is what I actually did do, and it's a six month course as a projet professionnel to try and find the work

	<p>you want to do, and I opted to work in a restaurant/hotel, as I used to do that in England as well. So I did a six months course, and it was a paid course, which I thought was pretty good for actually learning, and you have three stages, and the stage is like a training. I had three weeks training as a receptionist in a local hotel in Redon, and then I had two separate two week stages working at two different crêperies.</p> <p>You do need to have your CV up-to-date, mis-a-jour, and I actually took my CV all around to the restaurants, because they do like it, and I did actually land a job in a local restaurant in Josselin.</p>
Interviewer	What was it like working in a completely French environment in a restaurant?
Jill	Very frightening at first, but I really got into it very quickly.
Interviewer	And what advice, Jill, would you give to anybody else contemplating doing the same thing as you've done?
Jill	They need to go out, as I've said before, they need to go and get a job themselves, it won't come to you, and the first thing they must do is go to the ASSEDIC and then ANPE, to the Job Centre.