



JEROEN POELS

The Youngest CEO of Belgium. Jeroen Poels is listed on the Forbes30 under 30 years. CEO and Founder DELTAWORX. The Future of the Labor Market.

Categorie

Human Capital, Personal development

Type

Keynote speaker

Inzetbaarheid

Keynote speaker, Expert, Breakout session

Thematiek

Employer Branding, Young entrepreneurship, Age is just a number on a passport, Changing jobmarket, Kickstarting your professional career

Talen

EN, NL

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Biografie

Academically speaking, the only thing he learned, was that learning (or studying) the conventional way didn't really spark his interest... At 16, he dropped out but still managed to finish his high school degree (in Belgian terms: ASO / Economics & Languages) through home studying. Eager to kickstart his career in the business world, he promptly started pursuing a college degree called KMO management at Karel de Grote. After 2 years however, he simply had to succumb to the temptation of starting to work for himself.

From a professional point of view, he most certainly did not drop out, but he did start all the way at the bottom: he was in fact the ambitious 15-year-old dishwasher at the local banquet hall, trying to work his way up to the position of head waiter. In which he succeeded so well that he pretty much also managed the entire workforce at that point. At the age of 18, finally, he seized the moment and started his own business: DELTAWORX.

Reason? Not only in the light of personal development and growth, but also because he saw the opportunity to help students (at the time they were his friends and peers) get jobs and thus gain (relevant) working experience; which is, today, still one of the main goals of the company. One year later, he became the youngest person -ever- to lead an officially certified staffing agency. He also had the honour of being nominated Belgium's youngest CEO.

Dare he ask: "Is the best yet to come?"

Jeroen is also a fanatic winter sports lover & scuba diver, and a big fan of the many pleasures and challenges life has to offer.