

## WORKSHOP: CARIBBEAN DREAM CAREER

**INTRODUCTION:** Here I am about to explain how I found out about this workshop and how my experience there was. Alongside that, I will explain what I learnt and add reflections.

**HOW I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT:** I was already following Fontys Caribbean Connection. That's a Caribbean student association, that forms part of the DCA (Dutch Caribbean Association) located in Rotterdam. I saw that they posted a story with this poster:



I was a bit **skeptical** at first since it was the first time I went to something Caribbean related here, but I still wanted to take my chances and see how it is. So, I went, and it was good!

**MY EXPERIENCE:** There were Caribbeans and non-Caribbeans and I spoke the native language although the workshop was in English and partly Dutch so everyone can participate. The snacks and drinks were good too and so were the vibes and the people. I learnt about the others there and had the opportunity to connect with other Caribbeans both in and out of Fontys. We did different activities: We played with career cards and wrote down different things that relate to us or our careers; another one was about picking

random images on the table without looking and describing your life situations with those and openly talking about etc.

**REFLECTION:** Looking back, I think it was good that I showed up because I also met the organizers of the event and made a good contact with them. This opportunity might lead me to them adding me in as **board member**. If I hadn't gotten the courage and gone despite how I felt earlier, I wouldn't have had this memorable experience. This is the only picture I have of that evening:

