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**1 Devi is from West Sumatra in Indonesia**

**D:** I didn’t stay on at school because generally girls don’t here. But then I got this job. I’m the first girl in my family to work outside of the home. Since the economic crisis, more women have jobs. I feel very different about my future now. I’m not going to stay in this job forever. I want to train as a nurse, so I’ve applied to college. I hope to get a place on the next course. I’m taking the entrance exam next month. I’m very nervous about it. I haven’t told my boss. I suppose I’ll tell him soon.

**2 Elisabeth is from Bruges in Belgium**

**E:** I work in a factory. It’s a good job, but the company is making people redundant. So I’m going to take the redundancy package because it’s an opportunity to start again. I got married very young and had a family, so I didn’t finish my education. But I’ve just finished evening classes in business studies, and now I’m going to start my own business. It’s something I already do as a hobby. I make specialist cheeses. Just a moment, I’ll get you some … Here you are, taste this. Do you like it? Well, I’m meeting the bank manager on Wednesday to discuss my business plan. And hey, maybe I’ll take some cheese for him to taste as well!

**3 Sahera is from Kabul in Afghanistan**

**S:** It’s very difficult to study at university level here. Many girls get no education at all. But we have managed to complete our degrees and graduate from the department of language and literature. Now we’re thinking about the next step. Many of the graduates are going to work as teachers. My friend is going to continue her studies in the United States. I’m going to stay here in the city, because my family is here. I guess I’ll take some time off and visit my parents. And I want to spend time with my friend because she’s leaving next week.