



Remote But Not Working

by Ali Giles

8 March 2023

Dear

Alison Giles

Thank you for your interest in working for our company. Unfortunately, after careful consideration, we have decided not to move forward with your application at this time.

Yours sincerely

The Omega Group

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Remote Working Youth Life Skills Coach

Thank you for taking time to review my application.

I would be extremely grateful if you could clarify why you did not proceed with my application. I can then use this for reference when applying for future jobs.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Alison

20 March 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Remote Working Youth Life Skills Coach

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience, but I have not yet received a reply to my email dated 8 March.

With all due respect, I'd like to explain that I spent a week completing the application form and cover letter, and to me the end result came across as very genuine and sincere. Because it was. I didn't put down what I thought you would like to hear, and I took out what I saw as generic 'jobspeak' because it felt like what was in between became meaningless. I put my heart and soul into this application.

I thought it better to cite the life that I have lived as 'Further Relevant Experience', and gave you good examples of the things I have lived through and coped with – some you will note I coped with very well, and some pretty disastrously. But isn't this how we learn? What greater experience can there be but life? I thought you'd appreciate my insight and honesty in this, but maybe I should have put this down under 'Strengths and Weaknesses'?

It might be of interest to know that I asked my son if he thought it ironic trying to teach life skills to young people 1.) remotely, and 2.) to KPI's (which I confess I had to look up and now know means 'quantifiable specific performance metrics to track progress towards an objective or goal') and he shrugged and said "dunno". He's 16 now, and to tell you the truth he grows more and more distant every day.

I wonder if you mourn the past as I do; as an old friend. If you ever feel lost. Washed up, beat up, left behind. If in the days of your own youth you clung to books and to your friends, as I did; they reminded us that we had another part to us – the part that is human and real. Aren't these the real KPI's of life?

I worry for my son, I worry for all the younger generation, shut away in bedrooms with their iphones and their online gaming. Scrolling through a life they haven't experienced. Shooting the bad guys. My son and I used to share books – he was a great reader – but it irritates him now if I recommend one to him. He tells me he's 'OK', that he has friends he talks to online, if he wants. I hope he does.

Alison

4 April 2023

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