



Nanna is analysing a test sample from one of the product flows from the pilot plant

On the job - From idea to realization

Five years ago, Nanna and her colleagues had an idea. They bought a cooking pot, boiled the waste, and now, many tests and a great deal of waste later, REnescience has become a reality. From conducting tests with boiled waste with no resources, the pilot plant at Amagerforbrænding (a municipal waste and energy company) was inaugurated in December 2009, and Nanna has been involved from the very beginning; right from the beginning and up until now, when they hope to get funds to build a full-scale waste treatment plant.

Innovation on the agenda

Nanna has been employed with Elsam since 2004 and now DONG Energy, and she has dedicated the major part of her time to the REnescience research

project. Innovation and development are some of the words that Nanna use repeatedly when describing her work.

"I have spent the morning outlining test plans for the pilot plant at Amagerforbrænding and business plans for REnescience, as we need to decide how the project is going to proceed," says Nanna.

Innovation is the key word at the moment, as Nanna is studying to become a qualified Master of Innovation Management. When our Vital journalist spoke with her, she was preparing for the examination in innovation.

"It is very exciting going back to school and learning the theories behind some of the things I work with. It is also an important part of the network you develop when you meet people with the same interest as yourself, but with totally different backgrounds

From management to waste

Working as an engineer in DONG Energy entails a very alternating working day, and Nanna and her colleagues are very rarely in the office at the same time.

"I do many different things during the day, and my tasks cover a very wide field and we have no 'standard day'. Very often we are out of the office talking with existing and potential business partners. Therefore, we all get somewhat surprised when there is finally a day when we are all here."

Nanna also conducts guided tours at the pilot plant for business partners and other interested parties, and sometimes she signs up for night duty at Amagerforbrænding.

"As the pilot plant is relatively new, there is not enough trained personnel, and then we sometimes sign up for the night duty. It is good fun." You might say that my working day contains everything. From management to shovelling waste."