

Could you introduce yourself and tell us something about your career in Formika?

Currently I work as a Pre - Press Department Manager at Formika. I've worked here since 1993, which makes it more than 20 years and I definitely want to stay in the company until I retire. I started my work from very basic posts: at first I worked as a Packer at the "old" Formika. After two years, I was promoted for a Quality Controller. In 1997, my career as a Polygrapher at the Printing Department started and in 2009 I took the post of the Printing Department Manager.

Why did you decide to work for Formika?

You're asking about the old times [smiley face] This was my first job after graduation from high school, times of kuroniówka meals [free meals distributed at the beginning of the 90. to poor inhabitants – translator's note]. I was to be on the dole and I couldn't find a job. After the dole period, I moved to Raszyn hoping I would find employment there. I found Formika and today I am still there.

How do you remember the last 20 years of work?

These were the beginnings of the company so there is a lot to reminisce about: the white production, then the colour production, the history of the company with lots of interesting people and fascinating experiences. Throughout these years we've learned a lot about industriousness, independence at work and decision-making. To be honest I've never thought about changing my job, as I came to be really close with the company and the people there. I hope the company will carry on so that I will work there until I retire. During all these years one starts to identify herself with the company and becomes a part of it. The company is your second home.

What can you tell us about your work at Formika?

Currently, to put it briefly, working here means a lot of decision-making but also a big responsibility. The promotion for the post of a Manager gave me huge satisfaction: I felt appreciated, more so because I am the only woman in the production team on such a post. Naturally, at the beginning we all had to work hard but as the years go by I learn to cooperate with both the team of Managers and all the other employees.



And what about the people at Formika?

For me a team means Formika team, which is the only team I know. After all these years we know each other really well and we are able to predict a lot things ahead, which is very useful at work. Naturally there are the good and the bad days, but overall we are on good terms. After all, we all work to achieve a shared goal and success. I won't let anyone say anything bad about my Team (I mean the Printing Department): they are all well-prepared professionals who are very solemn at work. This is also how I think about the rest of Formika team: we all know how far we can reach and what we can expect from each other.

What do you like about your work (what is appealing in it)?

My motto is: I do what I like and I like what I do.

I am happy when I come to work and I am happy when I leave. My work makes me who I am. Though I cannot make comparisons with other companies, for me Formika is the best employer possible. It is interesting in here, I learn new things and a lot of things happen around me. I feel good here.

What's more, based on 22 years of work I can tell that salary is always paid on time, employee rights are observed and we are all treated well. Our company is stable, it is growing to become bigger, more powerful and more visible on the market. Plus, thanks to my company and mainly the understanding and motivation of the Management Board, I finished my studies.

Would you like to add anything about our company?

May the company last as long as it is possible. To paraphrase Jurek Owsiak [founder of the Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity, also called 'A light to heaven' – translator's note]: "With a light to heaven" - I would like to stay in Formika until I retire (in a shaky voice and with a tear rolling in her eye...).