

Social Media Groups in the Foreign Service

Employment-related

EFMs Helping Other EFMs Find Employment: A closed Facebook group where family members discuss employment options, freelance and home business ideas, and to post questions regarding family member employment. There is a large number of EFMs with admin rights to add on new members.

Expanded Professional Associates Program: A closed Facebook group for EFMs that are currently in EPAP positions or wish to apply.

EFM Business Owners: A closed Facebook group sponsored by the Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide (AAFSW), this group is a network for spouses/partners who are entrepreneurs, freelancers, contractors, or telecommuters. Anyone in the Foreign Service community who works "outside the box" is welcome. Click "Join Group" and message the group admins or email efmbusiness@aafsw.org stating your affiliation with the Foreign Service.

Never CLOsed: A Facebook group for past and present CLOs to exchange tips.

Dipneeds: Marketplace was created to provide portable vocational options for those living the nomadic lifestyle. List entrepreneurial services to a wide reaching audience

Foreign Service Specialist Careers: A Yahoo group for anyone who is interested in pursuing a career in the U.S. Foreign Service as a Specialist.

The Network: FLO's email subscription service for foreign affairs family members returning to or living in the Washington, D.C. area who wish to receive job vacancy announcements and other employment-related information including upcoming programs and FLO services. Family members may register to receive this information by sending an email to FLONetwork@state.gov with a personal email address, employee sponsor name, and agency affiliation.

LinkedIn - **PROPS (Professional Partners and Spouses):** A networking LinkedIn group, supporting FS family members in seeking employment locally, telecommuting, or engaging in civic and professional development activities.

LinkedIn - **Trailing Spouse Network LinkedIn Group:** Being a spouse of a career professional that is sent overseas for their work often means leaving a good job or small business to start again in a new environment. This group welcomes discussion and information about employment, career, and business issues related to spouses whether that is in an expatriate or home country situation.

LinkedIn - **FLO Global Employment Initiative (GEI):** FLO's LinkedIn group where Global Employment Advisors (GEAs) and family members can share information on job search strategies, employment options, and career development opportunities while overseas.

Note that the LinkedIn groups are not as active as the Facebook groups

Social

Trailing Houses: A closed Facebook group for household members for post research, packing logistics, sharing recipes, and tips.

The "New" FS EFM: A Facebook group to discuss and shape the role of the "new" Foreign Service EFM/MOH in the embassy community. As demographics continue to shift this community looks to engender productive conversations to move beyond last century's stereotypes about family members. The group encourages member involvement in the local community and working to be the change they would like to see.

The Artists Formerly Known As EFMs: A closed Facebook group for former EFMs, those who have divorced or separated or are in the process of separating from their spouses/partners in the State Department. This is a resource and source of strength.

Livelines: Sponsored by the Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide (AAFSW), this Yahoo group is a private, moderated listserv for all members of the Foreign Service community. New members must also be current members of AAFSW.

Artists

Artists Abroad: A Facebook group of supportive artists and creative professionals living and working in the Foreign Service and as expatriates abroad. The purpose of this group is to share resources, tips, exhibition, venue and other contacts, art business experience, and inspiration to help each other be successful art professionals around the world.

Fitness

FS Yoga Teachers: This Facebook group is for U.S. embassy affiliated yoga teachers interested in networking and sharing information with fellow instructors.

Health Professionals

Health Care Providers and the Foreign Service: A Google group for EFM health care providers including doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physical therapists. The group members share information regarding job prospects at their respective posts as well as maintain a database on requirements for practicing in each country.

Psychotherapists in the US Foreign Service: A closed Facebook group for EFMs who are trying to adapt their careers as therapists to the mobile lifestyle. Target audience includes clinical social workers, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and others with current licenses in the mental health field.

Outward Bound Nurses: A closed Facebook group for EFMs who are registered nurses to connect and share information.

Lawyers

Lawyers in the Foreign Service: A closed Facebook networking group for lawyers in the Foreign Service. EFMs and FSOs welcome!

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