

PRODUCTIVITY, PEOPLE, PLANET TRENDS SHAPING THE FUTURE OF WORK

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THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF WORK IS CONFUSING

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Companies' hard-line stance on returning to the office is backfiring

Employers are losing patience with remote work, but they're facing an uphill battle

Boots orders support staff back into office five days a week from September



We help office workers meet

RTO badge swipe quota

Dating app Grindr loses nearly half its staff after trying to force a return to office



People who work at home record lowest sickness absence rates by Adam McCulloch | 4 Jan 2024



News

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The fight over working from home goes global

The

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Employees want to toil in the kitchen. Bosses want them back in the office

Guardian Nationwide rescinds 'work anywhere' policy and tells staff to come to office

Exclusive: building society overturns previous CEO's policy, with employees asked to come in for 40% of their contract from January



EY starts monitoring UK staff office attendance with turnstile data

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Elon Musk Is Now A Fan Of Remote Work

Dr. Gleb Tsipursky Former Contributor () Lauded as "Office Whisperer" and "Hybrid Expert" by The New York Times Study in US shows one day a week of remote working cuts emissions by just 2% but two or four days lowers them by up to 29%

PERSONNEL TODAY

Air traffic chaos after engineers were working from home sky news

Forbes

Companies With Flexible Remote Work Policies Outperform On Revenue **Growth: Report**

Raconteur Remote working can damage women's career prospects – but it shouldn't

FORTUNE

4-day workweek trial threatened with funding cuts by U.K. lawmakers opposed 'regardless of what the data is saying,' local leader says

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FINANCE - CAREERS

the future of work 'Why would we employ people?' Experts on five ways AI will change RTO U-turn You can stay remote but you won't get promoted, work Dell warns employees the guardian örg About this content Philippa Kelly CHH RUSINESS Markets Tech Media Calculators Videos FINANCIAL TIMES

300 million jobs could be affected by latest wave of AI, says Goldman Sachs



THE PERILS OF PREDICTION

"At the present rate of world progress there will be no long, back-breaking drudgery, and people will work no more than four hours a day"

American scientist Charles P. Steinmetz in 1921 predicting work in 2023





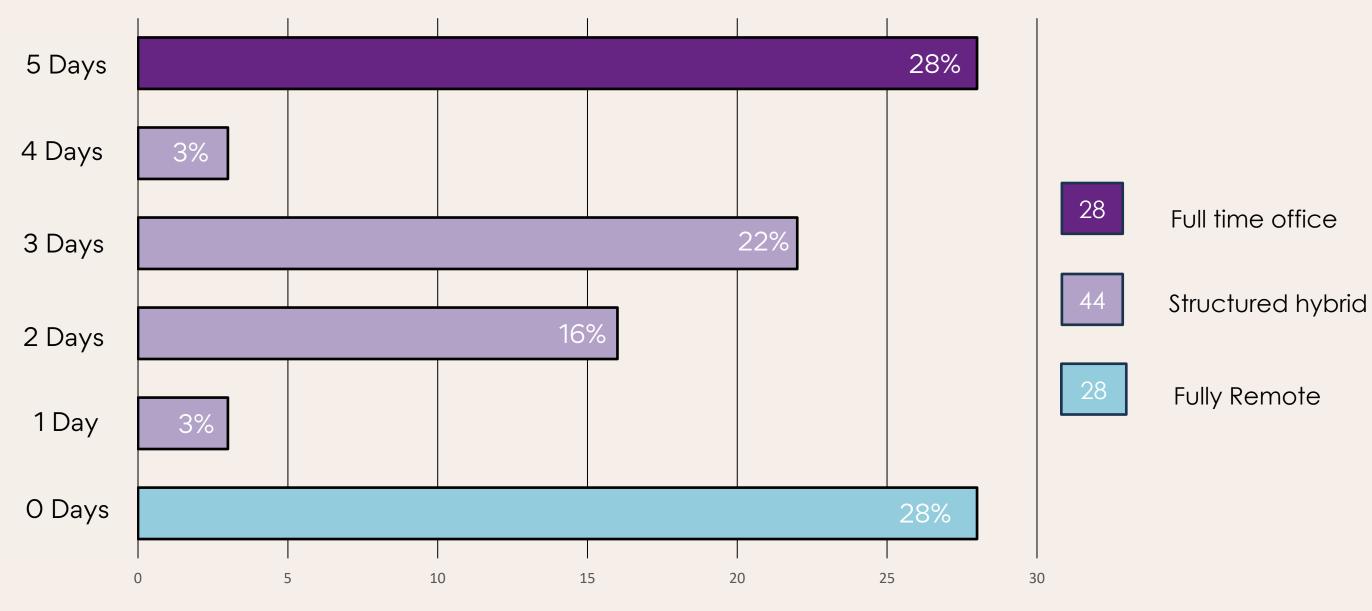
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CHARLES P. STEINMETZ

IT'S A (MOSTLY) HYBRID WORLD

No of days in office per week (UK)

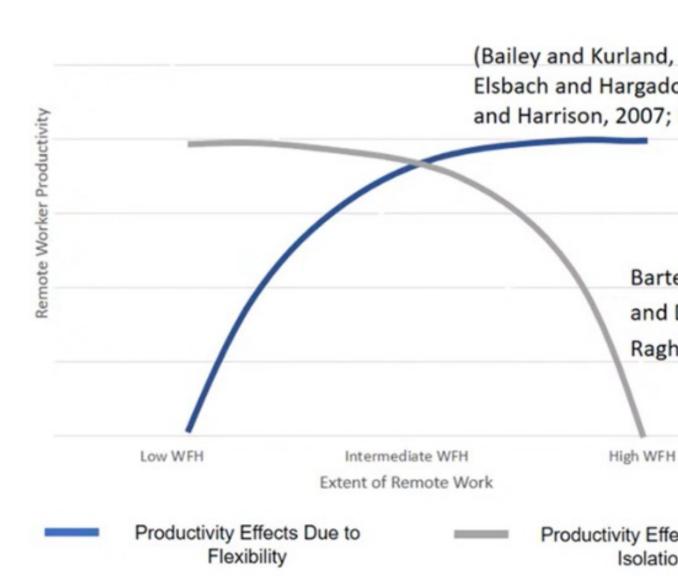


Source: Flex Index (flex.scoopforwork.com) N=4848 UK companies, February 2024

PRODUCTIVITY: WHAT DOES THE DATA TELL US?

Low WFH – 5 days office

- Value for commute
- Worse tech in the office
- Tends to penalise carers, ethnic minorities and disabled people
- Ability to build stronger connections with weaker ties (the Allen Curve***)
- Encourages presenteeism



* Bailey & Kurland (2002); Apgar(1998); Elsbach & Hargadon (2006); Gajendran & Harrison (2007); Bloom et al (2014) ** Bartel et al (2012); Golden, Veiga & Dino (2008); Wiesenfeld, Raghuram & Garud (1999) *** Allen & Henn (2007)

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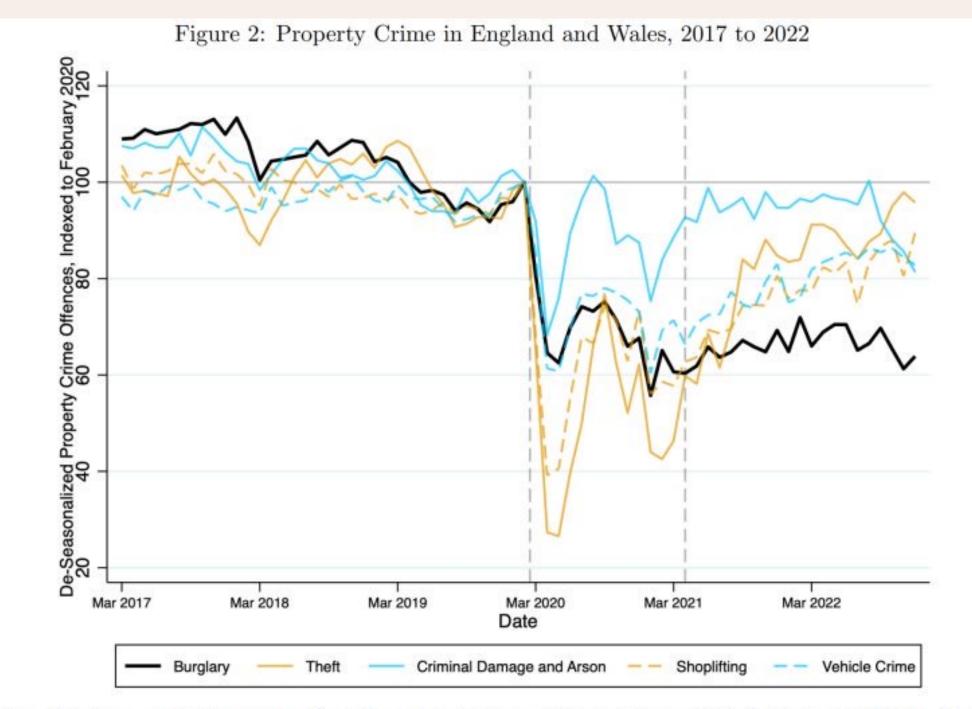
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Productivity Effects Due to Isolation

High WFH – 5 days @ home

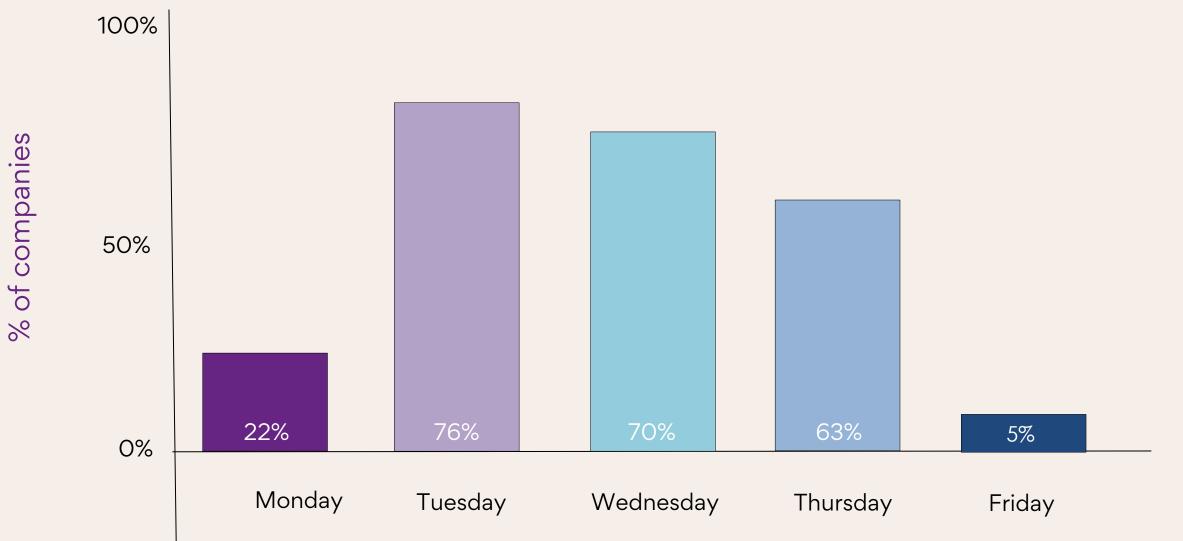
- Savings on time and money
- Increased autonomy positive impact on stress
- Ability to control environment
- Penalises people with less home space/ bad connectivity
- Increased isolation
- No work/home boundaries longer hours

UNEXPECTED IMPACTS



Notes: This figure reports the number of monthly reported crimes relative to February 2020, for England and Wales. Vertical dashed lines indicate the start of the first national lockdown and the end of the second national lockdown.

HAVE YOU GOT THAT FRIDAY FEELING?



Specific days required to be in an office (UK)

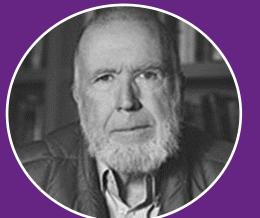
Source: Flex Index (flex.scoopforwork.com), UK Companies, N=325

PEOPLE: THE WORKING WEEK, WELLBEING, BOUNDARIES AND THE PROBLEM OF SWITCHING OFF*

- **Techno-overload** ("too much"): information overload and multi-tasking.
- **Techno-uncertainty** ("too fast"): work and technology changes are too fast to keep up with.
- **Techno-complexity** ("too difficult"): people are finding their technology too complex and intimidating to use.
- **Techno-invasion** ("always-on"): Pressure to be constantly available. Beware the M&M&Ms.
- **Techno-insecurity** ("paranoia"): people feel insecure in their job.

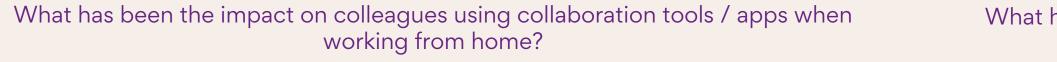
"The problem of the future will not be that we cannot connect – it will be that we cannot disconnect"

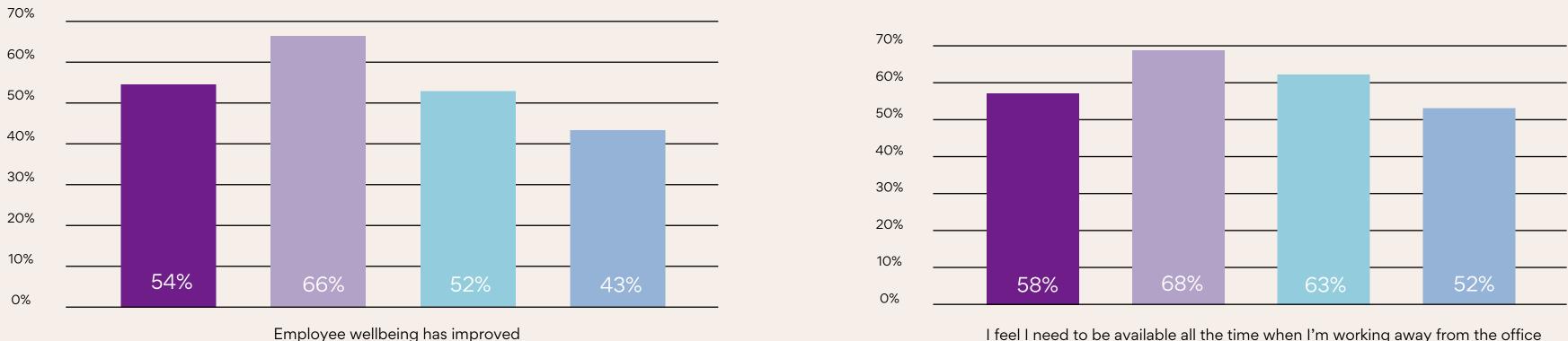
Kevin Kelly Editor of Wired



PEOPLE: THE WORKING WEEK, WELLBEING, BOUNDARIES AND THE PROBLEM OF SWITCHING OFF*

Wellbeing improves for Millennials in particular*





Millennials Gen X Baby Boomers Gen Z

* Source: Tarafdar, M. Tu,Q. Ragu-Nathan, T.S. & Ragu-Nathan, B.S. (2011), Technostress: Crossing Over to the Dark Side, Communications of the ACM, Vol. 54 No. 9, Pages 113-120; Beyond the Office, BT/Cisco/Davies/Hickman, November 2020

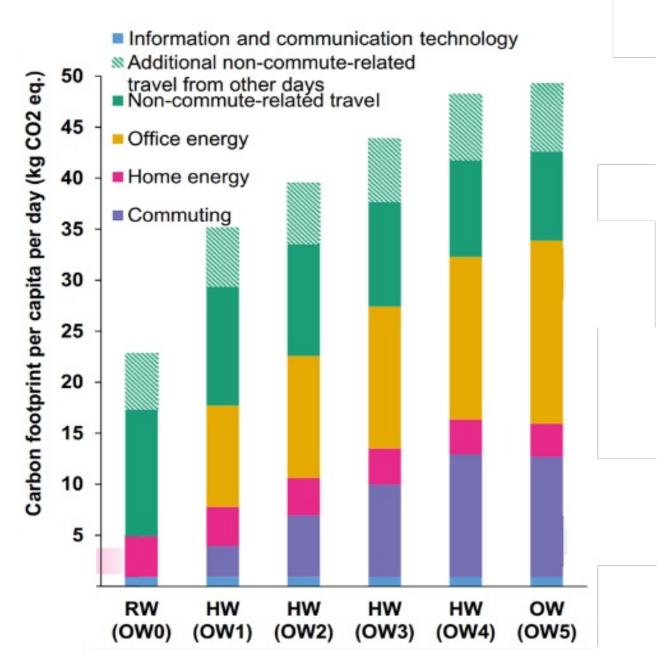
Executives feel pressure to be available for work

What has been the impact on colleagues using collaboration tools / apps when working from home?

I feel I need to be available all the time when I'm working away from the office

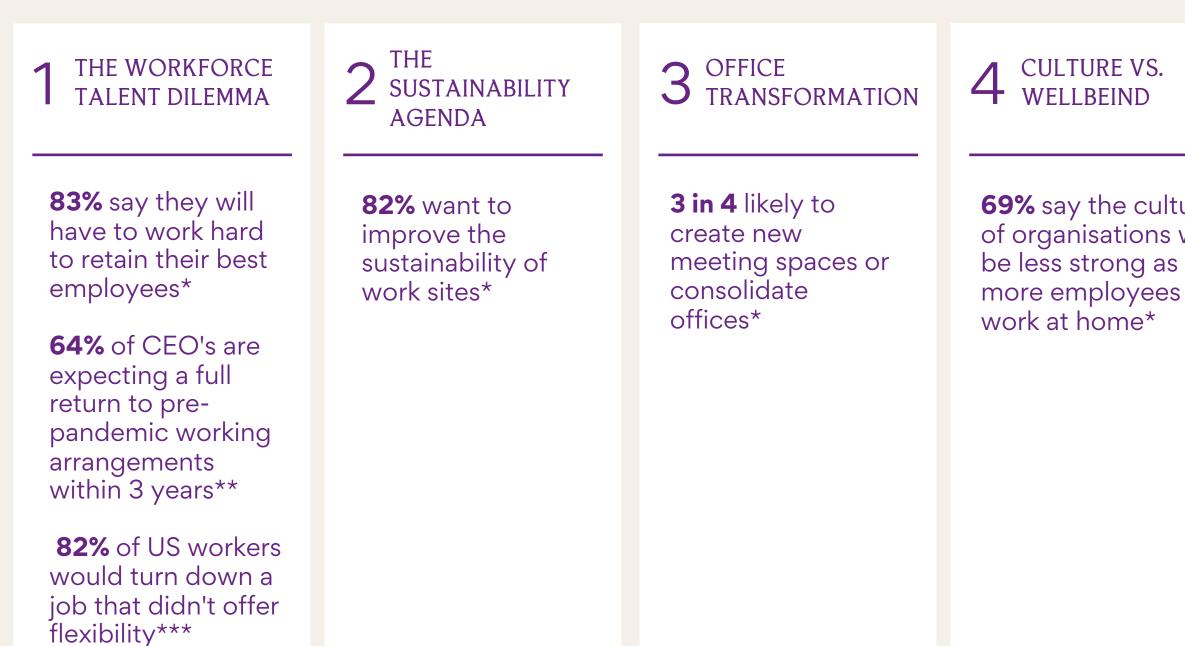
PLANET: WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

- Employees in the US who worked from home 5 days a week reduced their carbon emissions by 54%, compared to workers who work in an office 5 days a week.
- 1 day of remote work a week reduced emissions by just 2%.
- Working remotely 2 or 4 days a week reduced emissions by up to 29% compared with office workers who work 5 days a week*.



THE 6 BUSINESS CHALLENGES FACING WORKPLACE CHANGE

Organisations need to reconcile new employee expectations with legacy working practices



• Source: BT/Cisco/Davis-Hickman Partners (2022) – 1500 Global business executives, large enterprises, July 22 ** KPMG 2023 Global CEO outlook (https://kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2023/09/kpmg-global-ceo-outlook-survey.html#talent) *** OWL Labs State of Hybrid Work 2023 (https://owllabs.com/state-of-hybrid-work/2023)

69% say the culture of organisations will COLLABORATION FASE

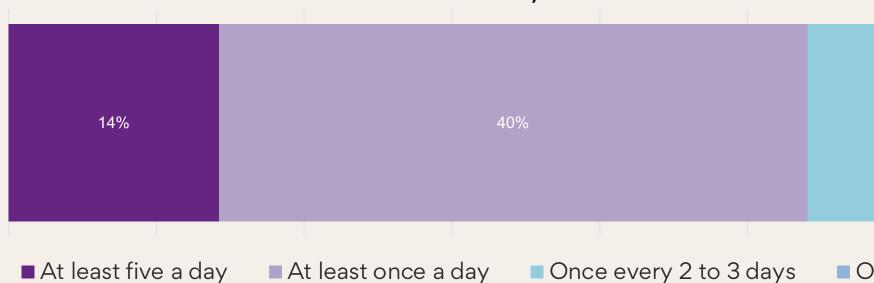
95% feel their organisation could improve the way it collaborates either internally or externally*

BUILDING DATA SECURITY

86% of IT Execs say data security has become a more important priority in the last 2 years*

PRODUCTIVITY: WE DON'T TALK ABOUT MEETINGS

Video growth, chat culture and the synchronicity challenge



Execs agree video calls are great, I 72% can't imagine a work world without them (65%, 2020)

Execs say video calls ensure 66% Exects say video calls ensure people don't do other work when on a conference call (58%, 2020)

Source: BT/Cisco/Davis-Hickman Partners (2022) - 1500 Global business executives, large enterprises in 10 countries (Australia, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Netherlands, Singapore, UK, USA), July 22

How often do you have a video call for work purposes? 5% 26% 12% 4% Once a week Don't use video calls Once a month

> **76%** agree their colleagues...are beginning to use IM or chat more than e-mail for work purposes (68%, 2020)

PLACE: HAS WORK LEFT THE BUILDING?





Focus

Co-ordination

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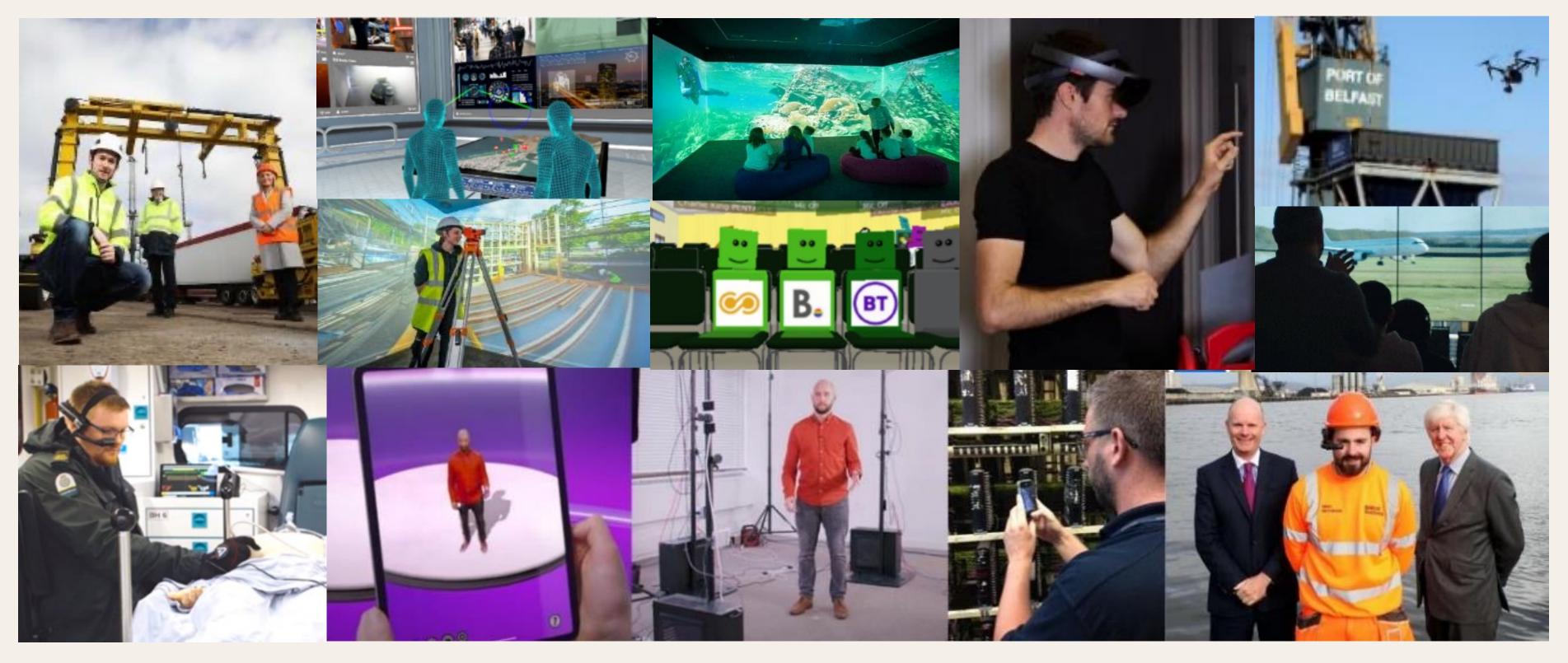
Collaboration

Community

FUTURE OF WORK

INTO THE METAVERSE

Extending collaboration beyond the office



WHAT'S NEXT: THE RISE OF AI AND AUTOMATION

If the growth of AI in the workplace could lead to the following benefits, which would add the most value to your workplace?*



* Will AI Fix Work, Microsoft Work Trend Index Annual Report, 2023 ** What Can Copilot's Earliest Users Teach Us About Generative AI at Work? Microsoft Work Trend report, November 2023

PRODUCTIVITY: How much time can Generative AI save?**

Base: those not using a technology**

AI & PRODUCTIVITY

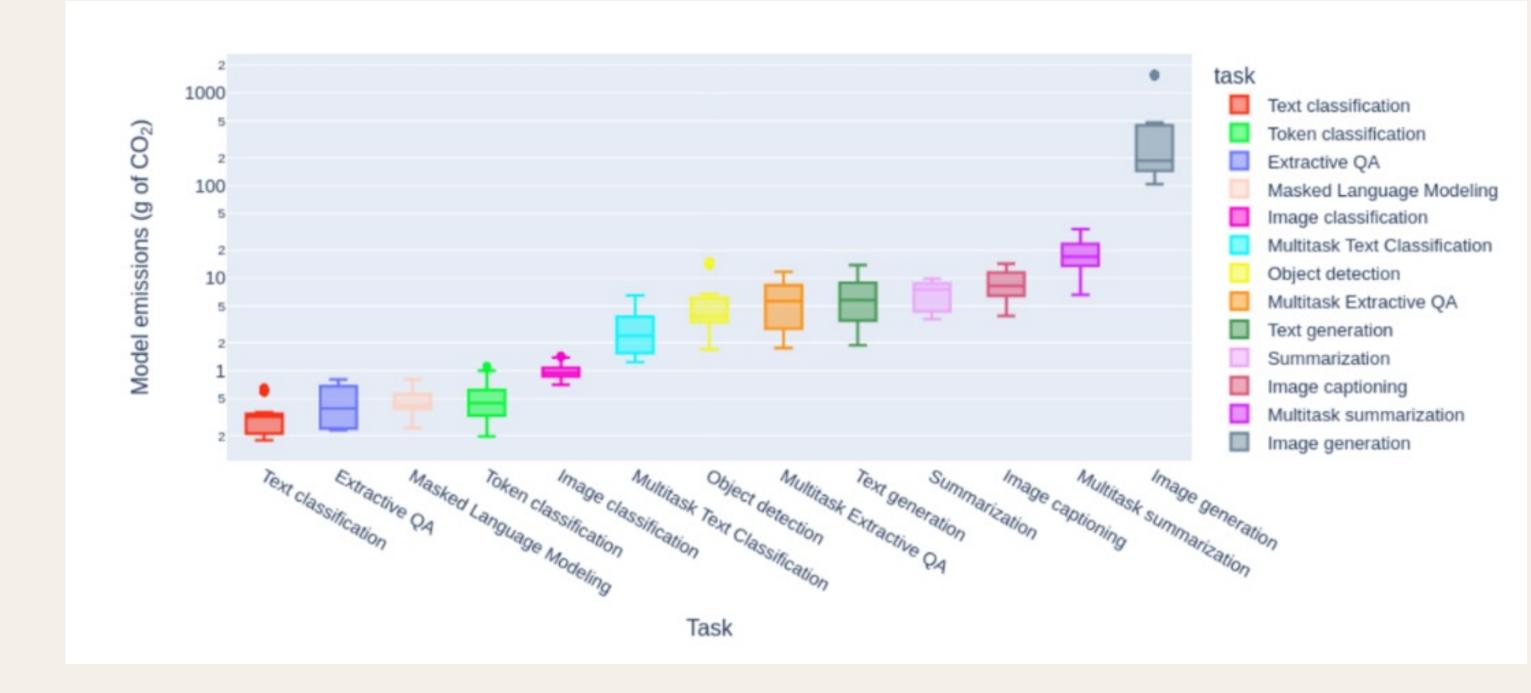
How is AI likely to change work in the future?

"Al is likely to make work more efficient and create new opportunities for innovation and growth, while also presenting challenges in terms of job displacement and the need for skill development. It is poised to significantly transform the workplace in various ways:

- Automation of Routine Tasks: AI can automate repetitive and routine tasks, freeing up human workers to focus on more complex and creative work.
- Enhanced Decision-Making: With its ability to analyse large datasets, AI can provide insights that help humans make more informed decisions.
- Innovation Acceleration: AI can drive innovation by identifying patterns and opportunities that might not be obvious to humans.
- Workforce Adaptation: As AI takes on more tasks, there will be a shift in the types of jobs available, requiring workers to adapt and learn new skills".

"Generative AI is very good for coming up with new things that don't follow a predefined script. It's great for being creative... but you can never count on the answer" Professor Ajay Agarwal, University of Toronto

AI & THE PLANET: IMPLICATIONS FOR CARBON FOOTPRINT



Luccioni, A.C. and Strubell, EJernite, Y. E,. (2023), Power Hungry Processing: Watts Driving the Cost of Al Deployment? <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/2311.16863.pdf</u>

AI & PEOPLE: IT'S NOT HUMAN vs. MACHINE

...it's human + machine (symbiotic AI)

"Computers are incredibly fast, accurate and stupid; humans are incredibly slow, inaccurate and brilliant. Together they are powerful beyond imagination"

Albert Einstein (allegedly)



