Hybrid Working

The individual influence on the success of hybrid working



Overview

- Hybrid working stats
- How work is viewed post-covid
- Social capital
- EDI and hybrid working
- Networking







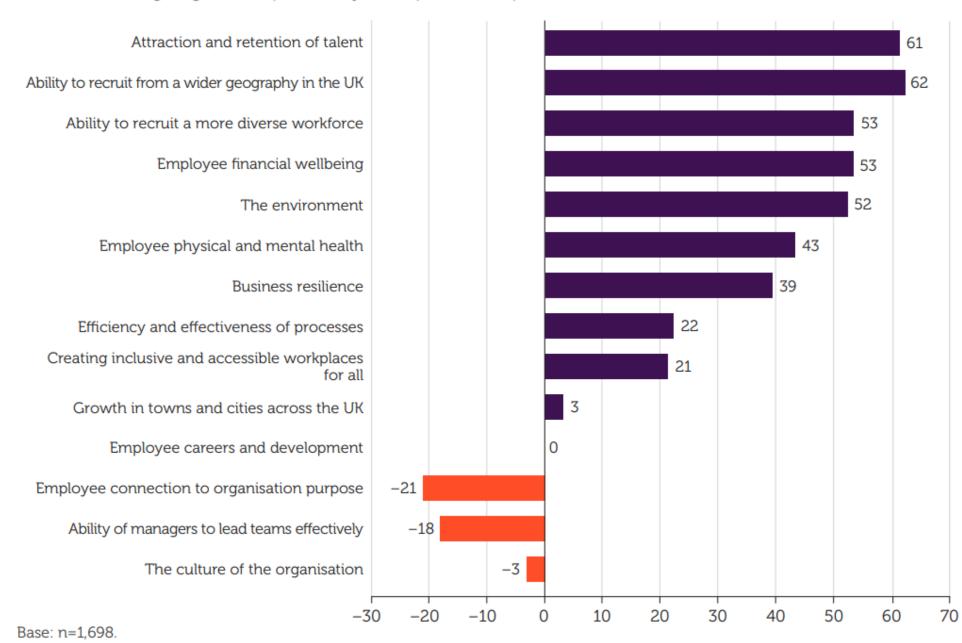
Hybrid working in 2023

- 83% of organisations have hybrid working in place (up from 77% in 2022)
- 45% have formal policies in place
- 35% require 2 days per week / 33% require 3 days a week
- 20% of organisations intend to invest more in hybrid working in the next 12 months: collaborative spaces, technology, line manager training



Figure 6: Wider impact of hybrid working

(net score taking negative impact away from positive impact)



Disadvantages Of Working From Home

Negative aspects of home working according to employees

| Aspect | ▼ Employees Affected |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Harder to work with others | 48% |
| No disadvantages | 31% |
| More distractions | 26% |
| Reduced wellbeing | 19% |
| Harder to think of new ideas | 15% |
| Other, please specify | 10% |
| Reduced work life balance | 9% |
| Slower to complete work | 9% |
| Fewer job opportunities | 5% |

Hybrid working in 2023

WE

Pre-pandemic

5 days a week in office

Synchronous working

Sense of Team

During

What do I need?

What does my family need?

What do I need to do to get through this?

WE/I

Post-pandemic

Hybrid – 2/3 days

Asynchronous working

Sense of Team - changed



Social Capital



Social Capital

- Concerned with the link between the 'social' and the 'economic'
- How our interactions with others bring value

Business

"This is the combined value of people, their networks and their

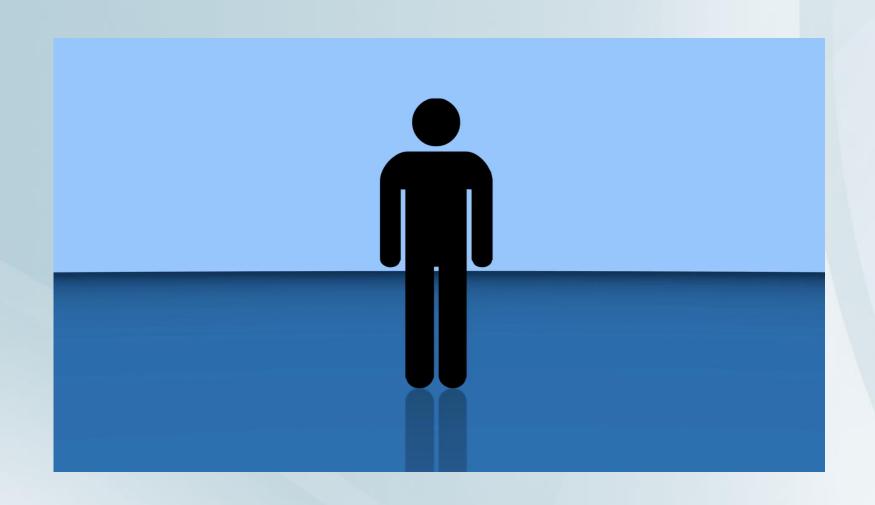
interactions."

Individual

"The value of the relationships you hold with others."



Social Capital





Social Capital: the value

https://www.betterup.com/blog/social-capital

Formed through relationships, social networks enable businesses

to function effectively

For businesses, social capital...

- helps achieve goals
- saves time, more efficient working
- prevents information silos
- Creates shared values and understanding (culture)





Social Capital: the value

For the individual social capital...

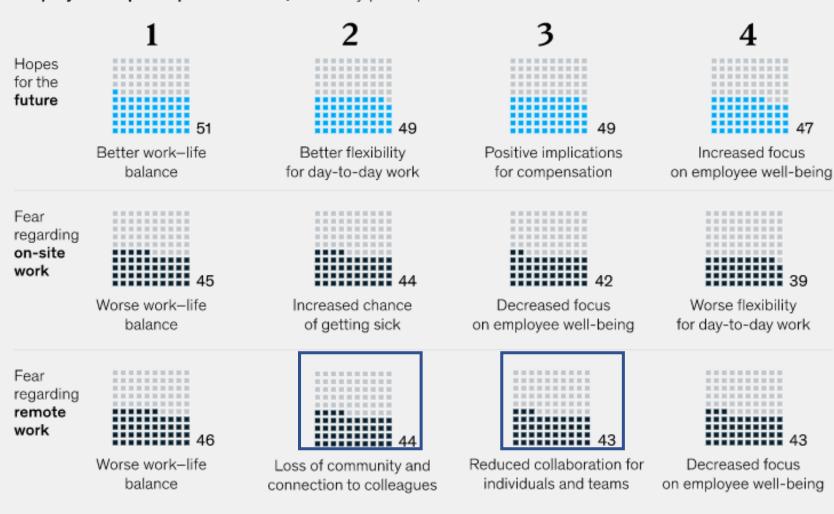
- sense of belonging and community
- enables development
- builds confidence
- provides a wide access to resources, support and knowledge





What employees look for

Employees' top 4 hopes and fears, % survey participants



- Post-pandemic, most employees wanted to work from home three days a week
- More than 25% said that they would consider switching employers if their organisation returns to fully on-site work.
- Mental health is a top priority.
- Work-life balance is key.
- A clear vision and communication.

Source: Reimagine Work: Employee Survey (Dec 2020-Jan 2021, n = 5,043 full-time employees who work in corporate or government settings)





Top tasks carried out better in person vs remote (Currys)

Tasks Done Better at Home Vs At The Office

Breakdown of which tasks are easier to perform in the office vs at home according to employees

| Working Remotely | In the Office |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Concentration: 55% | Collaboration: 46% |
| Punctuality: 38% | Communication: 34% |
| Reading: 34% | Meeting: 32% |
| Technical Tasks: 26% | Practical Tasks: 26% |
| Attendance: 26% | Presentations: 24% |
| Source: Currys • Embed | |

https://www.forbes.com/uk/advisor/business/remote-work-statistics/

Social Capital: Individual actions

- Going into the office...to talk to people
- Engaging in small talk virtually / in-person

- Supporting new employees: information, knowledge, introductions
- Training others
- Sharing ideas, helping other with theirs
- Introduce people
- Attending social events
- Arranging social events



Social Capital & EDI



Social Capital: EDI Considerations

Neuro-diverse needs

- May be reluctant to approach people they don't know
- May need support in making connections

Gender

- Women remain the predominant care-givers in society
- May not be able to join social activities, or may be in the office less

Part-time workers

- Will not be able to participate in all meetings and/or social activities
- Ensure important meetings/decisions and social activities consider p/t workers

Cultural backgrounds

- Some cultures are hierarchy-aware, meaning they may not introduce themselves
- Help people make connections (particularly if you are their manager / senior)



Social Capital: Summary

- As individuals, if you are feeling disconnected to your company or colleagues, do something to change that
- As a business, create opportunities for people to increase their social capital...but
- Be mindful of ensuring those things implemented are inclusive and not just increasing the social capital of the few..and
- Attend more IP Inclusive events!





Thank You



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