### **The Good Practice Power Hour:**

Flexible Work and Engagement & Voice

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### Welcome



- 1. Introduction and housekeeping
- 2. Flexible Work John Quinton Barber (Founder and CEO), Social
- 3. Engagement & Voice Jim Liptrot, (*Managing Director*), Howorth Air Tech
- 4. Q & A
- 5. End

### Housekeeping



- This webinar is recorded
- You are on "Listen Mode" the mic and camera are automatically turned off and you can't see and hear other attendees
- Q&A function ("?" button) all questions answered at the end. You can remain anonymous if you wish. Click "Raise Hand" if you want to speak, and we'll activate your mic.
- Reaction button





### Flexible Work

John Quinton - Barber, Founder & CEO Social



## Life Happens

John Quinton-Barber





### **Our story**

- ☐ 10-year-old social impact communications business
- ☐ Proud Member of the Good Employment Charter
- ☐ HQ in Manchester, offices in Liverpool, Leeds and London
- □ PR Week Top 150 agencies #21 & Top 10 ESG Consultancy #9
- ☐ Profit for purpose B-Corp

### **Certified**



Corporation



# "Life Happens"

### The Origins of Life Happens

- ☐ Set the business up in 2013
- Priority was survival
- ☐ We grew quickly
- □ 15 colleagues by 2016
- I was too busy
- ☐ 'Can I please book a day off to go to my grandma's funeral?'
- ☐ Life Happens was born





What is it?

'If you work for Social, whatever life throws at you outside of work, we have got your back.'



What does it mean?

Whatever the challenge you are facing – that takes priority. 'Life Happens' leave on full pay.



#### For example

- Domestic day to day challenges, from malfunctioning machines through to children or pets being ill

To the major things:

- Personal or family illness
- Mental health challenges
- Bereavement: 'You tell us when you want to come back.'

#### Implementation and impact

- It's all based on trust and line manager support
- Our colleagues know that we genuinely have their back. It makes for a happier and more settled place to work
- There is often an immediate hit to the bottom line
- But the long-term impact is positive
- It's often referred to by potential candidates at interview
- We have created a Life Happens interest free loan for colleagues for when life happens to them

### Thank you



### Engagement & Voice

Jim Liptrot, *Managing Director* **Howorth Air Tech** 



Clean air pioneers since 1858

The Key Ingredients of successful companies

## Purpose People Values



### Purpose **Pharma**

- 30 isolators per annum
- 30m people per annum
- 577,000 per week

#### Medical



- 2000+ Critically Ventilated Spaces
- 2.5m Operations per annum
- 48,000 Operations per week



People

## Engage Develop Support



### Values – The Howorth Way





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There are three values that underpin everything we do as an organisation.





### Values – The Howorth Way Behaviours

All three values are divided into two categories, each with a set of behaviours.

These behaviours bring our values to life and help reinforce our organisational purpose: to make a meaningful difference to peoples' lives.

The two categories are:





#### The Results – Financial

- 2009 Administration
- 2010 to 2017 (Sales Led)
  - (£1.7m) Total loss
  - (£220k) Ave loss
- 2018 to 2022 (People Focused)
  - £8m Total profit
  - £1.6m Ave profit



### Transformational Change.....

## "THE HOWORTH WAY"

**Jim Liptrot** 

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