

Your weekly update of the key topics making the headlines.

Based around the seven characteristics of the Good Employment Charter

4 MAY – 8 MAY 2026

SECURE WORK

[Thousands of Just Eat couriers launch legal action to improve workers' rights - The Guardian](#)

The Guardian

The employment tribunal, which begins on Tuesday and is set to run ... UK and Europe. Under its "Scoober" experiment, couriers who Just Eat ...

[HMRC loses landmark £584000 tax battle as referees ruled self-employed](#)

Business Matters

HMRC has been defeated in the landmark £584000 PGMOL employment status case, with a tribunal ruling football referees were genuinely self-employed ...

FLEXIBLE WORK

[Civil servants 'driving to office car parks to connect to Wi-Fi before returning home' as bosses ...](#)

LBC

A probe has found workers are "taking advantage" of flexible working arrangements.

PAY

[Greens pledge £15 minimum wage for all workers - BBC News](#)

BBC

The Green Party of England and Wales is calling for a £15 minimum wage for all workers, as part of a package of pledges on employment rights.

[PwC drops weight loss drugs from employee benefits in the US - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

A spokeswoman for PwC UK confirmed that employees did not typically have access to weight-loss drugs through its private medical insurance – a ...

[Third of junior charity roles now paid below real living wage, research finds - Civil Society](#)

Civil Society

... living wage, up from 24% the previous year. Similarly, 33% of entry-level and junior roles outside the capital last year paid below the UK-wide real ...

[E.ON expands flexible working with paid parental leave and new work-life benefits](#)

Energy Live News

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[The human price of dynamic pay | TUC - Trades Union Congress](#)

Trades Union Congress

The prospect of collective bargaining between unions and employers, still limited in the UK platform economy, is undermined because there is not a ...

[Does a higher UK minimum wage mean higher unemployment? | Centre for Cities](#)

Centre for Cities

Research shows minimum wages do not drive unemployment, but higher rates may increase pressure on businesses.

ENGAGEMENT AND VOICE

[Fearne Cotton among professionals appearing at Engage Employee Summit 2026 this month](#)

London TV

... wellness communities in the UK. A spokesperson for Engage Employee Summit 2026 said: "We're thrilled to have her as our Engage Employee Summit ...

[Employer policy library launched | Public and Commercial Services Union - PCS](#)

PCS

If you cannot find a specific policy or have access to one that you think should be included, please email knowledge@pcs.org.uk.

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RECRUITMENT

[Sodexo Receives UK's First-Ever Gold-Tier Fair Chance Charter Accreditation](#)

Hospitality & Catering News

... employer. We're proud to be the first organisation in the UK to achieve gold-tier accreditation of the Fair Chance Charter. This recognition ...

[Millions boost Devon bootcamps as hundreds gain new career chances - Yahoo News UK](#)

Yahoo News UK

A multi-million pound funding boost is set to open the door to new careers for hundreds of adults, as a growing training scheme expands its reach ...

[Heineken to create Midlands jobs in £44.5m UK-wide investment | Insider Media](#)

Insider Media

Heineken is set to create approximately 70 jobs in the Midlands as part of a £44.5m investment in pubs across the UK.

[Camp Digital Expands 'Rising Stars' Programme To Widen Access To The UK's Digital Sector](#)

Business Manchester

Business Manchester is the leading Manchester Business magazine covering all the important Business stories in the Manchester area. Company. Terms ...

[Life Chances programme helps grow Fife Council's workforce](#)

Fife Council

"There is no doubt that the support and mentoring provided helps to prepare people for life in a dynamic and diverse workplace, creating the ...

[Bouygues to hire 30000 people in 2026 - Construction Management Magazine](#)

Construction Management Magazine

The Construction Division (Colas Ltd, Colas Rail UK, Bouygues UK ... Jean-Manuel Soussan, senior vice-president and director of human resources ...

[NHS England launches resources for internationally recruited AHPs | SoR](#)

Society of Radiographers

NHS England has established the National AHP Preceptorship and Foundation Support Programme, and within it the International Recruitment ...

[The Growth Company appointed to deliver youth employment programme across Greater ...](#)

Marketing Stockport

In Greater Manchester, the Growth Company will co-ordinate paid work ... business news daily. First Name. Email address: Leave this field empty ...

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

[Greene King pub chain to sell 150 sites amid 'unprecedented' costs | Business Live](#)

Business Live

The pub chain is one of the UK's largest and is also a major brewer, producing Greene King IPA, Old Speckled Hen and Belhaven beers.

[49 redundancies announced as manufacturing stops at renowned Derbyshire pottery company](#)

MSN

Denby Pottery: 49 redundancies announced as manufacturing stops at renowned Derbyshire pottery company ... Denby, a historic ceramics firm launched ...

[New pathway backs UK mid-career audio creators - RadioToday](#)

RadioToday

The initiative responds to ongoing concerns about career progression in audio, particularly for those from minority ethnic backgrounds, disabled ...

[ITV Studios Announces The Return Of The Disabled Writers In Development Programme ...](#)

ITVX

... Inclusion Coordinator and Disabled Writers in Development lead. To apply, writers are being asked to submit an original sample script ...

[Denbighshire council says new Welsh language policy 'misunderstood' - BBC News](#)

BBC

Denbighshire council is aiming to double the use of Welsh in the workplace ... Poverty and technology leading to record levels of slavery in UK. 5.

[Modern slavery at record levels in UK and expected to worsen, report warns - The Guardian](#)

The Guardian

Lyons called on ministers to increase funding for specialist police units so they can disrupt exploitation, prosecute more businesses exploiting or ...

[Popeyes UK launches 'Popeyes University' to develop staff pipeline | QSR Media UK](#)

QSR Media UK

Human Resources. ,. Press photo / Popeyes UK. Popeyes UK launches 'Popeyes University' to develop staff pipeline. It will also join the UK Youth ...

[Coinbase to slash 14 per cent of workforce amid AI impact and market volatility - City AM](#)

City AM

Crypto exchange Coinbase is planning to cut 14 per cent of its workforce citing a need to manage costs amid ongoing market volatility.

[New toolkit launched to help Greater Manchester manufacturers adopt AI - Marketing Stockport](#)

Marketing Stockport

Professor Chris Dungey, the toolkit's co-author, said: "AI has moved quickly into everyday business, but for many manufacturers, especially SMEs, it ...

[UK's top 100 Employers for Workplace Learning and Future Skills Revealed | FE News](#)

FE News

The UK's top employers for workplace learning and future skills ... support function. They are setting the standard for how investment in ...

[NEU secure new workload protections in sixth form colleges | National Education Union](#)

National Education Union

NEU secure new workload protections in sixth form colleges. Published: 07/05/2026. Press release England Sixth form college Workload.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

[Axa UK launches support fund for staff impacted by domestic abuse - Employee Benefits](#)

Employee Benefits

Health insurance provider Axa UK has launched a domestic abuse support fund to provide affected employees with financial assistance to help them ...

[How prison leaders hope a new programme will help inmates cope with bereavement](#)

The Scotsman

Bereavement Care Awareness training has been introduced for the senior management team and first-line managers, which includes having difficult ...

[UK sickness absence levels stabilise but workers still forced to work while ill - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

Asli Atay, Senior Policy Advisor, the Work Foundation at Lancaster University commented: "These figures suggest sickness absence from the workplace ...

[Cumbrian council launches new health service to support staff](#)

Yahoo News UK

Cumberland Council's new occupational health service will hopefully lead to a healthier workforce, councillors were told this week.

GENERAL

[HR in Wales Awards Celebrate Leading Industry Talent](#)

Business News Wales

The top HR and people development talent in Wales has been recognised at the 2026 HR in Wales Awards. The awards were launched in 2025 by Lesley ...

[Which policies can both boost growth and help people on low incomes?](#)

Economics Observatory

... UK Policy & Practice, National Foundation for Educational Research ... Good work: what do we know about the quality of UK jobs? What do we ...

[2026 UK Digital Inclusion Awards open for Charter signatories - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

The Digital Poverty Alliance (DPA) is inviting organisations to be considered for the 2026 UK Digital Inclusion Awards, with new and existing ...

[British Business Bank Tackles Gender Funding Gap with £1m Commitment Alongside Angel ...](#)

Business News Wales

Welsh Business 'Critical' Financial Distress Deepens Faster than UK Average ... Business News Wales is a Welsh-owned independent media and ...

[New report highlights region's fastest growing manufacturers | Insider Media](#)

Insider Media

The full list is published in the May edition of North West Business Insider, out now. ... You can now upload news about your business directly to the ...

ABOUT THE GREATER MANCHESTER GOOD EMPLOYMENT CHARTER

The Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter is a voluntary membership and assessment scheme which has been created to improve employment standards across all GM employers, regardless of size, sector or geography. Organisations within the private, public and third sectors are welcome to [join the movement](#).

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