

Good Employment News



Your weekly update of the key topics making the headlines.

Based around the seven characteristics of the Good Employment Charter

5 OCTOBER – 9 OCTOBER 2026

FLEXIBLE WORK

[Scottish civil servants face losing home-working rights under new office crackdown](#)

Yahoo News UK

Working in person can strengthen collaboration, connection and shared understanding, while remote working can support focused work and help us remain ...

[Lambeth Council to review possible four-day working week trial - Employee Benefits](#)

Employee Benefits

news Aberdeen is best UK city for remote workers looking for co-working ... Employers must give full explanations when turning down flexible-working ...

[Fair Work Economic Inactivity - Flexible Working Project report | Scottish Government](#)

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[Hell Let Loose developer Expression opens new studio in Manchester "in response to ...](#)

GamesIndustry.biz

"We're responding to what's happening in the talent market across our business at the moment, which is that our people need more connections, they ...

PAY

[Supported housing residents to keep more of what they earn as new rules come into force](#)

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[Workplace Parking Levy \(WPL\) Consultation 2026 – Frequently Asked Questions - Cardiff Newsroom](#)

Cardiff Newsroom

Support for businesses with initiatives to encourage more sustainable travel – Workplace ... English –

[South Korea has world's best paternity leave, study finds - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

Historically, stigma has prevented many South Korean men from taking up the benefit but the Korean Times has reported that 95,064 workers began ...

[Unions blast new tronc guidance - News - The Caterer](#)

The Caterer

... minimum wage if the hospitality industry is allowed to use tronc to pay wages and not pay national insurance." Paul Kenny, GMB general secretary ...

[Agreement reached between Boots and the PDA Union in settlement of the 2026 pay talks ...](#)

The PDA

... Line Manager and receive a minimum salary increase of 3%. ... Line managers will be provided with clear guidance on the review process and timescales.

[Glasgow City Council reaches settlement on pay and grading scheme - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

... UK stock market. previous post. Royal Mail plans to cut 2,500 jobs as ... Recruitment Consultant. City of London, England£35,000–£40,000. Hays ...

[Conservatives would cut NI for young workers - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

... lower-paid starter jobs. The party added that the policy was designed ... UK needs contingency plan for mass job losses... 29 Sep 2026. Slow ...

[Unite secures Forestry Commission workers above RPI inflation pay rise - Unite the Union](#)

Unite the Union

Lowest paid workers will go from just above minimum wage to Real Living Wage. Unite, the UK's leading union, has secured above RPI inflation pay ...

ENGAGEMENT AND VOICE

[Strike threat looms at busy university in Glasgow amid job cuts fears - Yahoo News UK](#)

Yahoo News UK

University of Glasgow staff vote on strike action as UCU opposes job cuts and compulsory redundancies, with the ballot running until November 10.

[University urged to halt moves end union recognition - Brighton and Hove News](#)

Brighton and Hove News

... flexible working. "UCU says the agreements cover all aspects of all workers' contracts, including pay and grading, sick pay, maternity and ...

RECRUITMENT

[Sainsbury's and Argos announce 19,000 seasonal roles - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

Flexible working · Legal ... Seasonal roles. Badenoch: Guaranteed hours will 'destroy' seasonal work · Seasonal hiring drives growth in UK jobs market.

[Students benefit from industry expertise and mentoring with JP Morgan | Bournemouth University](#)

Bournemouth University

... employers value. Building these connections with JPMorganChase enriches our ... International students already in the UK · Meet us · Continuing ...

[New programme to help 50 people into entry-level AI roles launched - Business Biscuit](#)

Business Biscuit

AI Talent Pipeline South West, run by techSPARK and Taught by Humans and funded by the UK Government, will connect jobseekers with employers across ...

[North West clean energy boom set to create more than 30000 jobs by 2030](#)

Public Sector Executive

A major new regional strategy has been launched to help ensure communities across the North West and North Wales benefit from the UK's rapidly ...

[First Bus programme helps NEETs find work in Greater Manchester](#)

First Bus UK News

The scheme is designed to support young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) by giving them meaningful exposure to ...

[Swinney announces £1m funding to help get low-income parents into work - STV News](#)

STV News - STV Player

The programme is being used to support new bus services in East Lothian ... The Voice UK · The Box · 70 Up · Secret State · Trigger Point.

[Introducing the Employability Skills Framework - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

For educators and employment professionals, and those supporting young people in their lives, it can support: employability coaching programmes – ...

[Jobcentres to offer careers guidance as 500 advisers join DWP - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

... careers and employment support after England's National Careers Service became part of the DWP. The move is designed to help more people access ...

[Boots kicks off recruitment for around 6,000 roles for the festive season](#)

Boots UK

As Boots prepares for its busiest time of the year, candidates of all ages will be welcome to apply for these flexible ... work behind the scenes.

[Apple and The King's Trust launch Creative Labs program for young people in the UK](#)

The Apple Post

Announced by Apple, the Creative Labs program will connect participants with Apple experts, technology, resources and mentorship while introducing ...

[Scottish Ethnic Minority Talent Summit and Festival 2026 kicks off! - Digit.fyi](#)

Digit.fyi

What began as a bold ambition is now an established fixture in Scotland's workforce and inclusion calendar, and this year's Edinburgh edition is the ...

[BMPAN introduces industry framework to tackle barriers to career progression](#)

Mortgage Soup

It was unveiled on 7 October at the network's second anniversary event, held at Lloyds Banking Group in London as part of Black History Month. Founded ...

[Arden University and Google Cloud Form Strategic Partnership to Ensure Development of ...](#)

Google Cloud

Arden University and Google Cloud Form Strategic Partnership to Ensure Development of Job-Ready, AI-Native Graduates ... UK, Ireland, and Sub-Saharan ...

[Training support for up to 2400 parents | Scottish Government - WiredGov](#)

WiredGov

The Scottish Government's 2025/26 Programme for Government committed funding ... Executive AI Leadership Programme for the UK Public Sector. Links.

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

[Government offers advice on how to support neurodivergent staff - HR Magazine](#)

HR Magazine

A third of employees say managers lack neurodiversity training · News ... First neurodivergent work support programme launches in UK · News.

[Schmittenhöhe in Zell am See has been awarded the title of family-friendly employer](#)

Snow Industry News

flexible working hours and part-time models. structured support for parents returning to work. improved internal communication channels. training and ...

[Barclays Expands Claude AI Use Across Software and Operations](#)

Payments Industry Intelligence

More than 16,000 staff have adopted the tool, which has processed over one million searches. The bank is also using Claude within its Global ...

[Society of Glass Technology launches mentoring programme](#)

Glass International

The Society of Glass Technology (SGT) has launched a mentoring programme to support professional development in the global glass community.

[Inside the commercial bar mentoring scheme for under-represented groups - Legal Cheek](#)

Legal Cheek

Any applicants to the scheme should bear in mind that the mentoring relationship is a personal one and that mentors on the scheme are not obliged to ...

[Ninja Theory developers announce they are facing redundancy, as the studio starts ... - Eurogamer](#)

Eurogamer

Ninja Theory staff on LinkedIn have shared either farewell messages or sombre posts on the ongoing redundancy process happening at Ninja Theory.

[Compass introduces Cadet Force Adult Volunteers Policy](#)

Compass Group

... UK & Ireland has introduced a Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAV) Policy. ... policies and inclusive employment practices. This follows ...

[CIOB publishes free drugs and alcohol policy template - Construction Management](#)

Construction Management Magazine

... company policy. Ben Powell, chair of CIOB's Health, Safety and ... It says there is currently no definitive UK figure because the RIDDOR ...

[Dyslexia Awareness Month: Dyslexic Strengths Still Overlooked as Global Campaign ...](#)

Fair Play Talks

Neurodiversity Celebration Week: Why Employers Must Do ... UK Social Mobility Awards 2026 Finalists Revealed as Employers Tackle Britain's...

[Starbucks introduces stammer awareness training - HR Magazine](#)

HR Magazine

Starbucks UK has launched a training programme to help staff better understand and support people who stammer.

[Women in Tech Week to launch in Manchester with six events across the city](#)

Manchester's Finest

Events across Manchester will explore AI, data, leadership and career progression as part of the nationwide programme ... UK and online, with ...

[Arts Council England Launches First-Ever Freelancers' Handbook for Creative and Cultural Workers](#)

Theatre Weekly

It is accompanied by a new Resources Directory featuring paid work opportunities, funded programmes and skills development training. The handbook ...

[University of Nottingham sets out course cuts and restructuring amid plans for hundreds of job losses](#)

West Bridgford Wire

Student recruitment remains highly ...

[Good Employment Week returns to focus on workplace culture | The Bolton News](#)

The Bolton News

Greater Manchester employers and workers are being encouraged to explore how workplace culture affects wellbeing, performance and the everyday ...

[UK Government supports new rules for AI in healthcare](#)

Open Access Government

The UK government has accepted all 44 recommendations from the National Commission into the Regulation of AI in Healthcare.

[Comcast cuts streaming technology jobs at Sky and NBCUniversal](#)

ibc.org

The redundancies will reportedly impact NBCU's global streaming technology group. This includes the engineering and quality assurance teams, said ...

[HSBC to axe hundreds of jobs across its UK wealth division as part of AI push](#)

Scottish Financial News

The division is estimated to employ up to 35,000 people across the UK. Chief executive Georges Elhedery previously told staff to avoid "fighting ...

[Royal Mail plans to cut 2,500 jobs as part of transformation - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

KPMG to cut 200 jobs from its UK... 17 Sep 2026. Channel 4 to cut 340 ... Recruitment Consultant. City of London, England£35,000–£40,000. Hays ...

[Innovate Finance Pride in FinTech Powerlist 2026](#)

Innovate Finance

Council members guide programme priorities, champion LGBTQIA+ inclusion across the sector, oversee the Mentorship Programme, and leverage their ...

[Powerful food companies 'profiting from keeping labour cheap', study finds | News](#)

The Grocer

... abuse faced by farmworkers, meat packers and other food system workers, the report claimed exploitation was "worsening" within global food supply ...

[Voluntary exit scheme opens for senior civil servants as part of £1bn cuts - The Scotsman](#)

The Scotsman

... redundancies. Mr McKee told a committee at Holyrood that he would consider the move if every other avenue to reduce the workforce had been

[Admiral transfers roles to India while UK redundancy process underway - Yahoo News UK](#)

Yahoo News UK

Admiral has confirmed that some roles at risk of redundancy in its UK insurance business are being transferred to India.

[DWP training staff in AI - THINK Digital Partners](#)

THINK Digital Partners

Department for Work and Pensions trains 128779 employees in AI as government accelerates digital skills push.

[Northumbrian Water backs Future Leaders programme in North East - Yahoo News UK](#)

Yahoo News UK

... employer insight and experience as we develop the programme further. ... mentoring young people. "It's also important to recognise employers who ...

[Thousands of doctors face bullying and discrimination, but fear speaking out - GMC](#)

GMC

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[Sodexo Announces 25 Apprenticeships for Cadet Forces and Extended Paid Leave for Volunteers](#)

Hospitality & Catering News

Sodexo UK & Ireland has announced 25 fully funded foundation ... People, Calvin Bailey MP (centre), visited Army Cadets at Beckingham ...

[Harvey Nichols' Birmingham store to close in January | Retail industry - The Guardian](#)

The Guardian

... Business · Economics · Diversity & equality in business · Small business ... Manchester and Bristol – as House of Fraser or Flannels. It has now ...

[Tender open for transgender inclusion guidance review | Sport England - Wired-gov.net](#)

Wired-gov.net

In August, Sport England, Sport Wales, sportscotland, Sport Northern Ireland and UK Sport confirmed that the Transgender Inclusion in Domestic ...

[Victims freed from abusive employers under new visa rules - GOV.UK](#)

GOV.UK

Recognised modern slavery victims on Skilled Worker visas can now leave abusive employers and work for any employer for the remainder of their ...

[Amazon job cuts hit hundreds as tech giant denies AI link - City AM](#)

City AM

... redundancies. The company confirmed on Wednesday that it was reducing headcount across its Stores division, which oversees its core online retail ...

[Google Launches Workplace AI Agent That Acts Like Colleague - Yahoo Finance UK](#)

Yahoo Finance UK

Alphabet Inc.'s Google announced a Gemini agent for the workplace, ramping up competition with OpenAI, Anthropic PBC and Microsoft Corp. for

[Burnham set to announce non-compete clause crackdown - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

... HR Interim recruitment desk which covers the Thames Valley. Hays Human Resources. Hays Human Resources Apply for this job · Temporary ER Advisor.

[Only 12 FTSE 100 Companies Publish Disability Data as Firms Risk Missing Talent and Customers](#)

Fair Play Talks

Most of Britain's biggest companies still do not publicly disclose how many disabled people they employ, despite growing pressure on employers to ...

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

[Mental health and wellbeing survey aims to benchmark what 'good' looks like](#)

Today's Conveyancer

... workplace wellbeing looks like and contribute towards establishing industry-wide best practice. ... uk and they will tell you whether the email ...

[Public relations bodies unite globally to launch first-ever worldwide survey of the ...](#)

CIPR Newsroom - Chartered Institute of Public Relations

The CIPR and PRCA's most recent Mental Wellbeing Audit in the UK found that despite many workplaces affirming support for good mental health among ...

[Survey aims to help improve mental health at work - Hull CC News](#)

Hull CC News - Hull City Council

... health of Hull's workforce. The long-term goal of the research is to help reduce work-related stress, and improve mental health and wellbeing at work.

[Growing More Than Vegetables: Oakland International's garden delivers sustainability, fresh ...](#)

Grocery Trader

... workplace garden that supplies fresh produce to its employee canteen, supports biodiversity and promotes wellbeing across its Redditch headquarters.

[Darwen company with 500 staff joins drive to tackle workplace burnout - Yahoo News UK](#)

Yahoo News UK

Darwen firm Multevo is helping drive better mental health support across the highways sector through a new industry partnership.

[Tesco announces paid leave for victims of domestic abuse - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

Tesco has introduced guaranteed paid leave for employees experiencing domestic abuse, giving workers ... Employee Benefits · Forum for Expatriate ...

[New standards for workplace mental health launched - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

The nine Workplace Mental Health First Aid standards were created by consultancy Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).

[Burnout at work: MEPs call for stronger EU protections - Yahoo News UK](#)

Yahoo News UK

... mental health at work. In the past, the Commission has regulated the minimum daily and weekly rest periods required to safeguard workers' health ...

[Sheffield researchers unveil early findings on live music and NHS wellbeing](#)

Sheffield Star

The potential of live events as a tool for enhancing workplace wellbeing is under investigation by University of Sheffield researchers. Led in ...

GENERAL

[Government intervenes as BT inks deal to rescue embattled Talktalk - City AM](#)

City AM

Latest Business News · Economics · Politics · Tech · Banking · FTSE 100 Live ... business credentials and damage Britain's standing as a destination for ...

[Work starts on £2.2m creative hub in Stockport town centre - TheBusinessDesk.com](#)

TheBusinessDesk.com

Stockroom welcomed more than 1m visits in its first year of opening, while Merseyway Innovation Centre provides flexible workspace and support for ...

[Applications open for grant scheme backing independent restaurants - Marketing Stockport](#)

Marketing Stockport

A grant scheme to support independent restaurants and other hospitality businesses across Greater Manchester has opened applications.

[Greater Manchester using investment to drive good growth through Good Employment ...](#)

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Mayor of Greater Manchester Bev Craig has announced that organisations and companies who are awarded funding from the city region's pioneering ...

[Manchester launches bold strategy for inclusive innovation, backed by £10m Founders Fund](#)

The University of Manchester

A panel chaired by Elvira Uyarra, Professor of Innovation Studies at Alliance Manchester Business School and Executive Director of the Manchester ...

[Scale-up programme returns for Greater Manchester businesses - TheBusinessDesk.com](#)

TheBusinessDesk.com

GM Business Growth Hub has reopened applications for ASCEND, a 12-month scale-up programme for established Greater Manchester businesses with ...

[Fair Work Action Plan: indicator report 2026 - gov.scot - The Scottish Government](#)

The Scottish Government

... pay the real Living Wage to part(s) or all of its workforce. 16 Data on the first nine months of implantation can be found at - Fair Work First ...

[EAT issues guidance on using generative AI in legal documents - Browne Jacobson LLP](#)

Browne Jacobson LLP

Employment and HR: Autumn 2026 updates for schools. 18 September 2026. Legal Update ... Tackling modern slavery: What the UK's new proposals mean ...

[The Manchester Creative Industries AI Summit – the government's opportunity to set out a ...](#)

Lewis Silkin LLP

... in the UK without permission of copyright owners. In practice however the major AI developers tend to carry out their AI training in other ...

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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