

A 4 day week for a fairer, more sustainable society (Labour Conference motion)

Conference notes:

1. that the UK works longer hours than other European countries, with the fewest bank holidays and billions of pounds of unpaid overtime.
2. YouGov data showing 63% of Britons support a four-day full-time working week.
3. the recent report from the Autonomy think tank and the 4 Day Week Campaign which shows the health and wellbeing costs of overwork, how reduced working time can help equality and that a reduction in working time could greatly contribute to the reduction of carbon emissions.
4. the ongoing review for Labour by Lord Skidelsky into the introduction of shorter working time with no loss of pay.

Conference believes:

1. there is a growing consensus around reductions in working time, including support from the TUC, Labour Party frontbenchers and individual unions.
2. that the increasing development of the capacity of technology to make work more intense for workers, or else replace jobs entirely in the coming decades.
3. that a reduced working week with no loss in pay is an obvious method by which we can share the benefits of increased productivity for the many and not the few.

Conference resolves:

1. to include in the next Labour Party general election manifesto a commitment to introduce a four day week with no loss of pay for all those who want it by the end of the next Labour government's first full Parliamentary term.
2. to support the Labour for a 4 Day Week campaign.