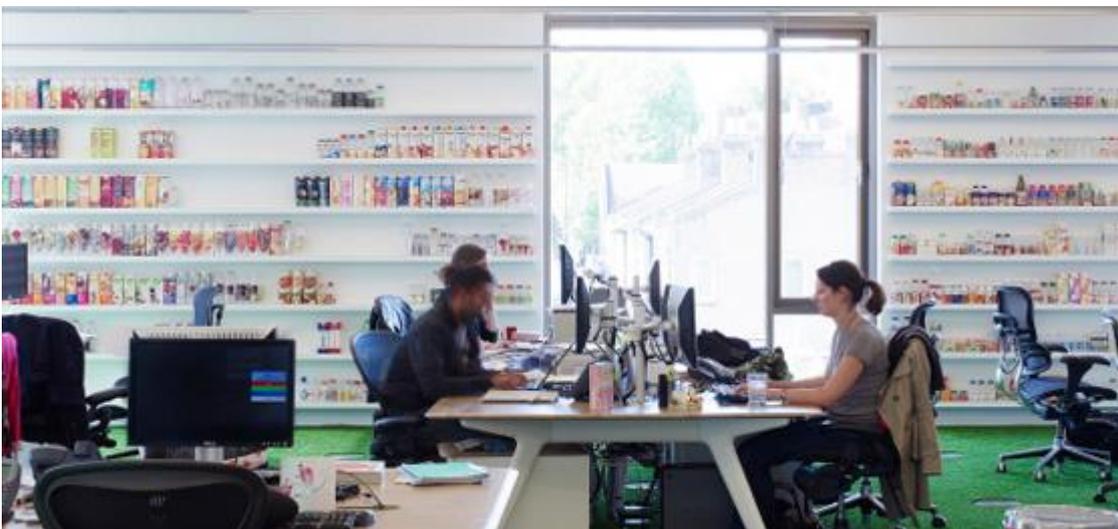




Sharing great ways of building great workplaces



UK WON was created to share ideas and knowledge about how to create better work and more productive organisations. And we know so many great companies that are willing to share what they've achieved!

This Newsletter offers you two chances to meet some of them.

On 10th June we launch **The Creative Workplace Group** at the Met Office in Exeter. Join the network and share experiences with great companies like Innocent, Red Gate Software, Start Rite, Grimshaw Architects and Capita. See the article below for more details.

On 8th October E.ON are hosting our conference on **The Future Workplace and the Future of Good Work** at their shiny new offices in Nottingham – with speakers from several other innovative companies. More details below.

You'll also find links to Peter Totterdill's latest article on '**The Fifth Element**' in Flexible Boss magazine and to a radio interview for *Engage for Success* on **Employee Driven Innovation!**

Do get in touch if you'd like to discuss any of this.

[We'd love to hear from you](#)

Capita and Start-Rite join Creative Workplace Network



The [Creative Workplace Group](#) which includes the [Met Office](#), drinks company [Innocent](#) and the award-winning Grimshaw Architects has been boosted by the addition of Capita plc, the London based international business process outsourcing and professional services company and Norwich based children's shoe manufacturer Start-Rite.

According to Capita's Operations Director, Timothy Manning: *"Innovation and continuous improvement are integral to delivering ongoing value to our clients and we are exciting by the prospect of working alongside UK WON to further develop our capabilities, share our experiences and learn new and improved methods with the Creative Workplace Group".*

The 220 year-old family business Start-Rite has also committed to the Creative Workplace Group. Brand Director, Eve Davies said: *"Innovation is the way you think about things - meeting and talking to more people and sharing experiences. It increases the chances of coming across solutions by learning new ways of solving problems and new ways of thinking".*

The Creative Workplace Group is a diverse network of organisations committed to innovative ways of working and to sharing practical knowledge experiences with each other. Acting as critical friends, members of the group enjoy unique access to public and private sector enterprises with great stories to tell.

[Read more and learn how YOU can JOIN](#)

Creating the workplace of the future

Bringing health, wellbeing and productivity together



E.ON's new Nottingham HQ is an inspiring venue for UK WON's latest network event designed to share experiences and inspire new thinking about good work and how it benefits employers and staff alike.

On **8th October** from 10.00 to 16.00 participants from diverse companies will learn from:

- The latest thinking on creating productive and healthy workplaces.
- Expert input on global challenges, workplace innovation and mental health at work.
- Great workplace practices in E.ON.
- A panel of companies with experiences of developing good practice.
- Exchange of experiences with other companies building great workplaces.

Join us on 8th October!

And find out about the launch of the *Good Work, Health and Well-being Network*

Places are limited.

[Reserve your place - Early bird registration available](#)

'The Fifth Element' in Flexible Boss magazine



Involving employees at all levels in day-to-day decision-making and giving them more control over their working practices leads to win-win outcomes for both performance and health and well-being, says Professor Peter Totterdill, chief executive of the UK Work Organisation Network (UK WON).

Workplace innovation is an inherently social process. It is about building skills and competences through creative collaboration. Workplace innovation is fuelled by open dialogue, knowledge sharing, experimentation and learning in which diverse stakeholders including employees, trade unions, managers and customers, are given a voice in the creation of new models of collaboration and new social relationships.

[Read the full article here](#)

Creativity and Innovation Through Staff Engagement

A radio interview with Peter Totterdill



Employee Driven Innovation is a growing phenomenon throughout Europe. It recognises that most innovation doesn't take place in laboratories or boardrooms but happens when employees at every level are empowered to share their knowledge and ideas in the workplace.

Great organisations understand that a continual stream of ideas is a vital resource for improvement and innovation. Creativity is an everyday behaviour, with employees actively encouraged to contribute ways of improving the organisation through new products and business streams or better ways of working.

UK WON's Professor Peter Totterdill was asked by Engage for Success to discuss Employee Driven Innovation in the latest of its weekly radio shows. Peter is an international researcher, consultant, speaker, national and EU policy advisor and passionate advocate for better ways of working. He has been facilitating networks and stimulating creative discussions for most of his career, building bridges between academic knowledge and practice.

[Listen to the interview and read more](#)

Please Forward

About UK WON and Workplace Innovation

UK WON is a not-for-profit organisation that works with employers' and professional bodies, trade unions, universities, policy makers and others committed to developing and disseminating new ways of organising work that lead to sustainable competitiveness, an innovative culture and a high quality of working life.

Workplace Innovation helps enterprises and their employees to improve organisational performance and working lives by releasing the full knowledge, skill and creativity of people at every level.

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