

P-06-1247 We call on the Welsh Government to lead the way by supporting trials of a four-day week in Wales

This petition was submitted by Mark Hooper, having collected a total of 1,619 signatures.

Text of Petition:

Moving to a four-day working week boosts productivity & workers' wellbeing.

After successful trials of a shorter working week in Iceland - with no reduction in pay - governments in Scotland, Ireland & Spain are all devising their own four-day week pilots that are scheduled to begin next year. There's also serious moves towards a four-day week taking place in Belgium, New Zealand, Germany & Japan.

We call on the Welsh Government to lead the way by supporting trials of a four-day week in Wales.

Additional Information:

When Microsoft trialled a four-day week with no loss of pay in their Japan office, productivity went up by 40%.

(<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/nov/04/microsoft-japan-four-day-work-week-productivity>)

According to the Health & Safety Executive, 55% of all sick days taken last year were a direct result of work-related stress, depression or anxiety. Moving to a four-day week would dramatically reduce mental health issues in Wales.

A study by the environmental organisation Platform London found that the introduction of a four-day week with no loss of pay would shrink the UK's carbon emissions by 127m tonnes, a reduction of more than 20%.

(<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/may/27/four-day-working-week-would-slash-uk-carbon-footprint-report>)

Four-day week 'an overwhelming success' in Iceland

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-57724779>.

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- Vale of Glamorgan

- South Wales Central