

Eclipse Internet turn working at home from a dream into reality

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Imagine being able to work from home, even for just one day a week. No stressful commute in congested traffic or on overcrowded public transport, peace and quiet in your own environment to reduce your to-do list, and an improvement in work-life balance.

Sounds too good to be true doesn't it? Well it isn't. It's a real possibility that is the focus of today's (Friday 18 May) National Work from Home Day.

National Work from Home Day is part of Work Wise Week which is in its fourth year. It is run by Work Wise UK, an initiative led by the TUC, CBI and British Chambers of Commerce which promotes smarter working practices, such as flexible, remote and mobile working, and working from home. It aims to give half the working population, some 14 million people, the opportunity to work smarter by 2011.

IT and telecommunications solutions are at the heart of making home working possible. Mark Thomas, head of business sales at Eclipse Internet explains: "Remote working is not a new practice. It's just become a lot easier to implement in the last few years with the advent of new mobile communications technologies and products.

"Remote working includes a range of communications tools, from high speed broadband, to fixed and mobile telephony, web conferencing and email via products such as Eclipse's Hosted Exchange, which can connect employees to their company's server wherever they are."

The environment also benefits when it comes to home working. Reducing business travel not only saves a company money through lower travel and fuel expenses, it also reduces its carbon footprint.

Mark continues: "National Work from Home Day gives businesses an opportunity to look at the way in which they operate and reap the financial and productivity benefits that it offers.

"We like to practice what we preach and as a business we have implemented a number of IT and communications methods that enable our staff to work from home without any impact on the business. In fact it benefits the business, allowing flexible working and a greater work/life balance for employees. Choosing and implementing the technology to enable working from home is something we can help other businesses to achieve."

For more information on how you make home working a reality, give Eclipse Internet a call on 0845 1224 333 or visit <http://www.eclipse.net.uk/business>

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About Eclipse Internet

Eclipse is based in Exeter and employs over 120 people. It is part of the KCOM Group, the UK managed communications provider and delivers a wide range of internet services for businesses, including broadband access, server and data backup, managed server hosting and hosted applications.

Eclipse is consistently recognised in independent reviews as one of the best performing ISPs in terms of speed, reliability and customer service. In recent years both its business and consumer services have won and achieved finalist status for numerous awards including Best Business ISP and Best Business Email at the 2008 Internet Service Provider Association (ISPA) awards and Best Consumer Broadband at the 2007 ISPA awards. It was recently a finalist in the Best ISP category of the PC Pro Awards.