## New Ways of Working: Flexible Hiring A strategy to retain and promote the best

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## The Gender Pay Gap

- More women than men work part time: 3:1
- Part time work predominates in lower paid sectors
- The gender pay gap is greatest between women working part time and men working full time: 32% (IFS)
- The gap widens for women in late 20's onwards: when they become mothers 10%-33% ( IFS)
- The group most likely to be trapped in low pay are women working part time (Tooley St/CIPD)
- 77% of flexible workers feel unable to progress their careers (Timewise, 2013)

# To fix the gender pay gap we need to fix the way we work





## What do we mean by 'a flexible job'?





Part time



Work from home



Flexible start & finish times



Term time only



Job share



Compressed hours



# How important is flexibility to the UK workforce?

54% of UK employees already work flexibly<sup>i</sup>

 8.7 million UK workers currently full-time and not working flexibly - would like to work flexibly<sup>ii</sup>

> *i CIPD research, April 2016 II Timewise report, 'A flexible future for Britain?', June 2014*

## The business benefits Employers' views:



- 73% boosts staff motivation<sup>i</sup>
- 66% improves efficiency and productivity<sup>ii</sup>

i CIPD 2012 Flexible working provision and uptake ii Benefits of Flexible Working Arrangements, Future of Work Institute 2012

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## So what's the problem?



- 3 in 4 employees feel trapped in their current role<sup>i</sup>
- 79% feel the jobs market is 'broken' for them<sup>ii</sup>
- Half of managers feel flexible working is incompatible with the nature of their work

## What needs to change?

- Flexible working concessions to proactive Flexible Job Design to maximise performance
- Flexible Hiring to attract and progress the best talent

*i Timewise report, The Flexibility Trap, 2013 ii Timewise survey, State of the Market, 2016 Workplace Employment Relations Study 2013* 

# How many jobs are advertised with flexible working options?



HIGHER PROPORTION AMONGST LOWER PAID JOBS



## What does this mean?







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## What needs to change? Flexible Hiring



Flexible hiring is simply when an employer openly advertises that they will consider flexible working options for new recruits, at the point of hire.

## What works



### Direct support from leadership

- ✓ Management capabilities in job design
- Making flexible working options visible: in job ads

#### Making change happen... from policy to practice

- Culture and behaviours ... open and honest conversations.
- Opportunity not concession...empowering teams.
- Leadership... understand scope for flexibility. Communicate. Illustrate.
- **Support managers**...role for HR to capacity build. Help on flexible job design, trust...

• Flexible hiring...capacity build resourcing teams to ask...

#### Leadership....



## The prize for business



- $\checkmark$  Talent attraction
- $\checkmark$  Internal progression
- $\checkmark$  Skills utilisation
- $\checkmark$  Employer brand

Tackling gender pay gap



## The Hire Me My Way campaign



- Calls for growth in 'Flexible Hiring', to bring the recruitment market up to date with the employment market for flexible working.
- Goal: 1 million quality job vacancies unlocked to flexible hiring by 2020



## **Employers on board**





## **Industry backing**





## What can you do?



#### 1. Open to flexibility? Say so when you hire

#### 2. Enable talent team to feel comfortable with flexible hiring

### **3. Join the Hire Me My Way campaign**

## Any questions?



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