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Millions will miss their work

IN what could be the largest mass absence from the workplace for a generation, an estimated five million people will not be going to work tomorrow.

But none of them will be calling sickies, skiving or making excuses.

In fact, bosses may even be joining them and taking work home for the day, on National Work from Home Day 2009. Work Wise Week 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.

Remote Employment, a web service dedicated to flexible and home based working, believes that the traditional office is on the verge of a workplace revolution, with century-old established, outdated working cultures and traditions breaking down.

There are already around 3.1 million people working from home in the UK and this is expected to more than double by 2012.