## **REDUCING STRESS IN THE WORKPLACE**



April is Stress Awareness Month, raising awareness of the causes and ways we can reduce stress. In 2020/21, 822,000 workers suffered from work-related stress, depression or anxiety. We have put together some activities and techniques to help you reduce stress in the workplace throughout the month.

Monday	Tuesday	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday
				1 <sup>st</sup> Make a list of what you want to achieve by the end of the month.
4 <sup>th</sup> In the morning, write up your task list for the week in order of priority.	5 <sup>th</sup> Organise your files on your computer. Especially your desktop!	6 <sup>th</sup> Start a 'buddy' programme within your team for new starters.	<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup> Listen to your favourite music whilst you work.	8 <sup>th</sup> Take your breaks away from your desk to avoid feeling overworked.
11 <sup>th</sup> Speak to your manager about things that are on your mind.	12 <sup>th</sup> Go for a walk and get some fresh air.	13 <sup>th</sup> Take a break to read a book or magazine.	14 <sup>th</sup> Ask for help if your workload is too much or you are stuck on a task.	15 <sup>th</sup> Take part in a team building exercise with your team.
<b>18</b> <sup>th</sup> Make a healthy meal plan for the week.	19 <sup>th</sup> Switch off from social media for the day.	20 <sup>th</sup> Take some time to catch up with your colleagues about their life.	21 <sup>st</sup> Tidy your desk and organise your things.	22 <sup>nd</sup> Take a break from your emails to focus on the one task you need to get done most.
25 <sup>th</sup> Take the morning to go through and catch up on your emails.	26 <sup>th</sup> Go online and learn something new.	27 <sup>th</sup> Avoid perfectionism and instead strive to do your best and congratulate yourself on your work.	28 <sup>th</sup> Reflect on the month and adopt new techniques that have helped reduce stress.	29 <sup>th</sup> For further support, contact a support line: <u>bit.ly/3tzt6v4</u>