

# SHIFTED

MAGAZINE



HOW GEN Z IS  
SHIFTING  
WORKPLACE  
CULTURE

# WELCOME TO SHIFTED MAGAZINE

In every generation, there's a spark that changes how we live and work. Today, that spark is Gen Z.

As the newest wave of professionals enters the workforce, we're seeing bold shifts in workplace values, culture, and expectations. From championing mental health to prioritizing flexibility, Gen Z is not just fitting into old systems—they're reimagining them.

- **How** Gen Z is reshaping workplace communication
- What modern employees really want
- **Why** traditional leadership is being challenged
- And what it all means for the future of work

Whether you're a manager, a fellow Gen Z professional, or simply curious about the evolution of office life, this issue gives you a front-row seat to the shift in progress.

Let's dive in.

— THE EDITORS, SHIFTED MAGAZINE

# How Gen Z is Shifting Workplace Culture

*“I didn’t quit because I was lazy. I quit because burnout shouldn’t be the norm.”*

— Ranya, 25, digital marketer

At just 25, Ranya represents a growing wave of Gen Z workers who are longer willing to trade her well-being for a paycheck. According to a recent Deloitte survey, 49% of Z report feeling anxious or stressed most of time at work, pushing companies to re-evaluate everything from mental health policies—to outdated workplace norms.

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Born between 1997 and 2012. Gen Z grew up in a hyper-connected world with constant access to information, global crises, and social movements that’s bold-values-driven

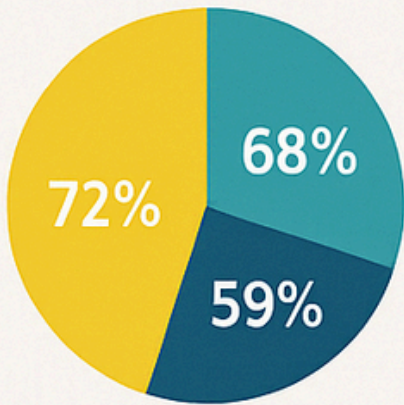
## What They Want—and Expect

- **Work-life balance** isn’t optional—it’s a deal-breaker.
- **Diversity and inclusion** can’t be buzzwords—they need to be visible
- **Remote and hybrid work** isn’t a privilege—it’s a modern standard

Gen Z is redefining what it means to be a professional. They want meaningful work, mental health support, and authentic leadership. And they’re willing to walk away from jobs that don’t align with those values.

# How Gen Z is Shifting Workplace Culture *(continued)*

## ☑ Visual Shift: What the Data Says



A 2024 global study by LinkedIn shows:

Gen Z doesn't just want work; they want to work ***with purpose.***

– Dr. Alnitala Clarke, workplace sociologist.

- 72% of Gen Z want mental health days to be standard policy
- 68% prefer hybrid roles over full-time office work
- 59% say a company's social values directly affect their decision to accept a job

## 🧠 Workspaces That Work for Them

Modern Gen Z-friendly offices often feature:

- Quiet pods and mental health spaces
- Flex desks and work from anywhere policies
- Transparent communication platforms (like Slack or Notion)



Gone are the days of rigid hierarchies and closed doors. Gen Z wants a seat at the table — and they're pulling out a chair for others too.

# Gen Z's Top 3 Workplace Demands

According to a 2024 workplace trends report, here's what Gen Z won't compromise on:



## Mental Health Support

Access to wellness programmes, therapy stipends, and realistic workload expectations.



## Flexibility in Schedule

Freedom to choose when and where they work—results matter more than hours.



## Inclusive Workplaces

Environments where diversity is represented, celebrated, and actively protected.



## Mini Interview: In Their Words



Aalia Khan, 23, Junior UX Designer at a remote-first design agency:

**Q:** What made you accept your current role?

Honestly, the flexibility. I work better when I have control over my time. Plus, the team really values mental health—no guilt for taking a break.

**Q:** What advice would you give to employers?

"Don't assume we're lazy because we want balance. We'll work hard—but we won't bum out for it."

## Quote of the Month

"We don't want nap pods, we want leadership that actually listens."

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