

THE FUTURE OF WORKING: 2036

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employees can capitalise on
need for new skills

It was once said that money makes the world go round, but with the rise of new and ever-evolving technologies, the globe looks set to be powered by a new master, with myriad possibilities.

In a recent study carried out by Office Angels into the changing face of employment over the next 25 years, it emerged that 24% of employees think that the retail industry will move entirely online by 2036. To secure a career in this ever-adapting industry then, the future jobseeker will need to evidence competencies in such specialisms as web development, online sales, SEO and content copywriting.

And whilst traditional holiday jobs for students - such as retail or data entry - could diminish if moved online, future generations will be learning the skills necessary to secure the sort of jobs that necessitate a strong command of IT. With that in mind, students and graduates will be perfectly placed to undertake what could be far more interesting, rewarding and relevant jobs than ever before, early on in their careers.

With 60% of the respondents in our survey believing that technology will drive everything in the future, workers will need to develop their competencies in a range of areas perhaps previously unvisited. But there's no reason to feel concerned; if anything, a future that spells monumental change could be the driving force that a global workforce needs to improve, adapt and diversify their professional offering.

With almost a third (32%) of employees predicting that degrees will be less valued in 25 years time; and 89% rating IT skills as the most essential skill to working life in 2036, it's clear that expectations on the future workforce are changing. With global companies set to dominate the market - opening up perhaps previously untapped talent pools in every corner of the globe - competition for jobs will be high. Those wishing to achieve their career objectives in a future that's powered by technology should therefore make the most of every opportunity to expand their skill set in line with changing demands.

Stay ahead of the curve

With that in mind, Office Angels has created the Education Zone - an online training tool that provides workers with an opportunity to build on the sort of skills that will be highly prized in a competitive future market. With over 7,000 training modules at all levels and across all specialisms, every skills gap is accounted for.

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