

# Viewpoint 1 | Sharing a workspace

## Preview

In this video lesson, you will watch a video about sharing a workspace called the HUB in Islington, London. You'll also meet Anna Levy who works for the HUB.

## Focus

- Look at the list of workplace things. Which of these things do you share with other people? Tell your partner.
  - Transportation to and from work
  - Your office
  - Your desk
  - Meeting rooms
  - Computer equipment
  - Photocopiers and stationery
  - Your job
  - Anything else?
- 01** Watch three people talking about sharing at work. Make notes about their answers in the table.

	What do they share?	Are there any advantages or disadvantages?
Speaker 1		
Speaker 2		
Speaker 3		

- Work with a partner and compare your answers in 2. Then discuss questions 1–2.
  - How similar were the speakers' answers to your answers in 1?
  - Can you think of any more advantages or disadvantages with sharing things at work?

## The HUB

- You are going to watch a video about a shared workspace called the HUB. Before you watch, match words and phrases 1–7 from the video to definitions a–g.
  - diverse background \_\_\_
  - sectors \_\_\_
  - campaigners \_\_\_
  - go crazy with loneliness \_\_\_
  - perspective \_\_\_
  - resources \_\_\_
  - a global network \_\_\_
  - become very unhappy because you are on your own most of the time
  - point of view
  - different experience
  - connections around the world
  - people who want to change a political or social situation
  - something useful for your work (e.g. a person or object)
  - areas of economic activity (e.g. financial, health, educational)





- 5 **▶02** Watch the video about the HUB and the interview with Anna Levy who works there. As you watch, number the parts of the video A–E in the correct order 1–5.
- The location of the HUB \_\_\_\_
  - The HUB as a global network \_\_\_\_
  - Sharing equipment at the HUB \_\_\_\_
  - Comparing the HUB with working from home \_\_\_\_
  - The people who use the HUB \_\_\_\_
- 6 Work with a partner. Decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F).
- Most of the people at the HUB are employed by the HUB. \_\_\_\_
  - Anna Levy has worked for the HUB for about three years. \_\_\_\_
  - She says the people who use the Hub come from similar backgrounds with similar businesses. \_\_\_\_
  - People like the HUB because they can socialize with others. \_\_\_\_
  - Users don't need to spend money on expensive equipment at the HUB. \_\_\_\_
  - At the moment, there is only one HUB in the world. \_\_\_\_
  - The HUB network has around 5,000 members. \_\_\_\_
- 7 **▶02** Watch the video again and check your answers in 6. As you watch, write down any important words or phrases from the video to support your answers.
- 8 Would you like to work in the HUB? Why/Why not?



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- 9 Work with a partner. Imagine you are Anna Levy at the HUB and a person with a small business who is interested in using the space. You are going to have a conversation.
- Student A:** You are Anna.
- Prepare a list of the reasons for sharing a workspace at the HUB. (e.g. socializing, better than home-working, etc.)
  - Think of questions you want to ask the other person about their business. (e.g. How much space will you need?)
- Student B:** You are the person with a business.
- Think about what type of business you have and other details. (e.g. what you sell/provide, number of employees, the equipment you need, etc.)
  - Prepare a list of questions about the HUB. (e.g. How does it work? Why do people like working there?)
- 10 When you are both ready, start the conversation. Is the HUB a good place for Student B to work?
- 11 Change partners and swap roles. Practise the conversation again.