



Sustainable Implications of Anywhere Working

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Anywhere working, alternative workspaces, telework, telecommuting, remote working, flexible work, and other terms refer to work that occurs in a location other than a central office such as at home, a co-working centre, a café, or a client site. That is, work can be done at the worker's location rather than the worker moving to the work. Many commentators credit Jack Nilles with coining the terms telecommuting and telework in the mid-1970s, referring to the substitution of commuting with any form of telecommunications. The adoption of telecommuting (telework) in the 1970s held great promise for reducing congestion on the roads and reducing pollution, a sustainability focus.

The increasing urgency of climate change suggests that this is a good time to revisit anywhere working and sustainability. Therefore, the focus for this Special Issue is to revisit and stimulate debate on how anywhere working can contribute to a sustainable future. Removing vehicles from congested roads, more sustainable building design, the policy and regulatory environment, smart cities, and emerging technologies can support working anywhere and contribute to a more sustainable future.





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