It’s Time to Talk Tech

Unite has identified workers in the Civil Aviation sector as at risk from the introduction of new technology.

In the future more of the work you currently do will probably be carried out by a cyber system, artificial intelligence or a robot. This isn’t ‘tomorrows world’ – we are seeing this happening across airports now. In Singapore, for example, they are trailing an airport terminal with virtually no staff at all – the tech is already available and advancements are being announced at breakneck speed.

It’s only a matter of time before new technology begins to impact on your job and this raises some important issues.

- Will the company cut your pay if some of your work is automated?
- What if new technology leads to job losses?
- Will workers be under more surveillance?
- What about training and health and safety?

The list goes on and on.

Unite is not against the introduction of new technology but we believe the introduction of new technology should be done with agreement of union reps to safeguard you.

Unite has approached GAL and asked for a ‘new technology agreement’ which would allow for the introduction of any new technology to be part of formal discussions with the union.

GAL’s have outright rejected this request which is a serious concern.

Speak to your union representative to see how you can help.

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