

Driverless taxis could cost 300,000 drivers their jobs



The union's annual event, held this year in Blackpool, agreed to call on the Government to introduce laws to protect taxi and private hire drivers from job losses and reductions in earnings caused by the rollout of driverless vehicles.

Ali Haydor, Private Hire Driver and GMB Congress Delegate told Congress:

"We hear a lot from those on the right of politics about people not working and relying on benefits, but replacing human workers will potentially push thousands into unemployment and poverty.

"The gig economy firms present driverless taxis as progress – they tell us this technology will increase efficiency, reduce costs and benefit society, but progress for whom?



“Technology will continue to develop, but workers should not be expected to carry all the risks while companies take all the rewards.”

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