

Press Release

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Visit proves a big Pluss for MP Ian Liddell-Grainger

Bridgwater MP Ian Liddell-Grainger has visited a local organisation which provides employment and training opportunities for disabled people.

Mr Liddell-Grainger visited Pluss to talk to the staff and to see first hand the real benefits that employment brings.

During his two hour tour, Mr Liddell-Grainger visited Pluss' social enterprise and employment service where 50 people are directly employed, and individuals are supported to find and keep work.

During his visit Mr Liddell-Grainger saw the wide range of products manufactured by Pluss including festival lighting and printing services. He also visited the mobility equipment retail outlet.

Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP said

"I was very pleased to be asked to visit Pluss and see first hand the work being undertaken. The work is of a very high quality and there are some wonderful products being developed here in Bridgwater. The support given to individuals, both by the direct employment opportunities and the recruitment service is fantastic."

Guy Eatherington, General Manager at Pluss said

"We are really pleased to have Mr Ian-Liddell Grainger visit us to see some of the work we do. We employ some fantastic people who are committed, skilled and hard working – qualities all employers value. Our partnership working with hundreds of businesses in the Bridgwater, and wider Somerset area means that they too can reap these business benefits.

On top of this, work is good for you. People in work are better off financially, have better health, self esteem and control over how they live their life. I hope Mr Liddell-Grainger has seen many examples of this here today."

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Notes to editors:

Pluss is a social enterprise that provides employment support and training to over 2,000 people with disabilities in Somerset and Devon (approximately 100 in Bridgwater). This includes offering direct employment in its mobility equipment and manufacturing businesses.

Pluss also offers a disability advice and support service to over 700 employers (over 70 in Bridgwater).

Pluss' enterprises in Bridgwater include a mobility shop, currently based at Northgate.

Pluss runs a variety of commercial businesses and adapted living aids shops under a Social Enterprise model – this means that over 50% of its workforce has a disability.

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