
Yes, minister Luton's tops!

DTI minister Alan Johnson dropped into town for a fleeting visit following last week's announcement that Luton is the most prosperous town for business in Bedfordshire.

The minister for competitiveness paid a visit to the Luton and Dunstable Innovation

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Centre to see the support and encouragement being given to Luton's new and high-tech businesses.

Mr Johnson was joined by MP for Luton South, Margaret Moran, in a whistlestop tour of the centre, which is project managed by the University of Luton.

He said: "It's a great example of how business and universities can work in partnership to promote innovative ideas. Anyone thinking of starting up a new business in Luton with a technological edge - this should definitely be your first stop."

The Adelaide Street centre, which was set up two years ago, is home to 15 fledgling businesses. These include Affluent Translations Ltd, a web translation firm, and Doyle International Ltd, a firm responsible for designing and producing a revolutionary knee brace.

Ms Moran added: "Each time I visit I am further impressed by the work they do and the support the centre provides for our entrepreneurs. It's a real credit to have such a centre right on our doorstep."

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