We have a great story developing here and are currently home to many high growth businesses developing new technologies for the future, as well as conventional businesses. Stockport Business Incubator is continually looking for people and new companies to apply to enter the incubator programme.
IMAGINATION & INNOVATION

Stockport lies at the heart of one of the North West's most knowledge intensive hubs, located in proximity to the regions innovation assets and presents an excellent setting for companies specialising in innovation, high tech manufacturing or research & development. Whether it’s new products or services; a new idea or a new way of working, Stockport can provide an excellent skills base and access to higher education facilities to promote new ways of thinking and exciting new innovative products and services.

The availability of a highly skilled professional labour force has already proven to be a major attraction for Aviation, Bio-Technology, Engineering, Textile, Design, Fashion, Digital and Manufacturing companies. The development of technology in a diverse range of sectors has powered the growth of Stockport’s knowledge economy.

Stockport is served by five universities and as a result has developed a knowledge rich workforce. With its proximity to world class higher education facilities and research centres, Stockport lies at the heart of the regions most knowledge driven centres.

Stockport also has a range of property solutions available for knowledge based companies. Whether its high specification newly built properties, small scale managed workspace, existing buildings or development opportunities, a solution can be found.

Several businesses have already taken advantage of what Stockport has to offer. Many have located in the refurbished Houldsworth Mill and in Stockport Business Incubator at Broadstone Mill both in Reddish. The area has now gained a reputation as an excellent location for knowledge based companies.

Excellent regional, national and international transport links also serve Stockport, making it ideal for global business. Road and rail networks provide a superb link to the North West and beyond and Manchester International Airport, the largest outside of the South East serves as a key gateway to international markets.

Plasma Clean Case Study

Plasma Clean is one knowledge driven company that has benefited from locating in Stockport.

Originally a spin out company from The University of Manchester, Plasma Clean has launched an innovative system for improving environmental air quality and following the award of a prestigious Research & Development grant from the North West Development Agency, will soon be launching a system for treating polluted industrial applications.

Based at Stockport Business Incubator, Plasma Clean has developed an innovative system for improving environmental air quality by the removal of harmful Volatile Organic Compounds, odours and microbes.

The company worked closely with The University of Manchester Intellectual Property Limited (UMIP), the University’s IP commercialisation company, to patent their invention with UMIP providing vital early stage marketing, legal and business development assistance.

LINKS

Stockport Business Incubator - provides range of incubator units for young enterprises, with onsite support services www.stockport.gov.uk/economy

UMIC - provides incubator services and business mentoring support www.umic.co.uk

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