

Comments misguided

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SIR –‘Equal pay for equal work’ has been a campaign slogan for many years. Recent statements by a local MP demand we restate the justice of the slogan.

Philip Davis MP appeared to imply that a disability means a lesser work value is offered by disabled people to employers.

The evidence of the work of Bradford Alliance on Community Care and others carried out under the EmployDisability programme tells a very different story to the assertions of the MP.

The local Adult Services and NHS Bradford & Airedale draft policy ---- Independence Inclusion & Support lists as a priority improved opportunity for disabled people to have employment, not as second-class workers, but to ensure that individuals “are recognised as equal and can enjoy the same life opportunities, chances and rights as their non-disabled peers and neighbours”

Perhaps Mr Davis will take time-out to hear the voice of disabled people at the Disabled People’s Forum celebration event on Wednesday 20th July, which is at Carlisle Business Centre?

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