

## Staff Profile: Helen Griffiths, Accounts and Audit Manager



**1. Why did you choose Plus Accounting?**

I knew of Plus from networking and contacts and felt that they really do put client needs first, but also allow staff to develop and care for their welfare.

**2. If you could change one thing in the tax system, what would it be and why?**

I think work should continue on simplifying the tax system in terms of administration, deadlines, allowances etc. I am working towards my CTA qualification with the Chartered Institute of Taxation and it still amazes me how complicated our tax system is.

**3. If you could give your 18-year-old self one piece of advice what would it be?**

Have confidence in yourself to try something new, even if you get it wrong, it is still a good experience.

**4. What was your very first job?**

I worked in the homewares section of a department store.

**5. What hobbies do you have outside of work?**

Cycling, pilates, aerobics, cake-baking, gardening and seeing shows.

**6. Is it still a good time to be starting a new business in the current climate?**

That does depend on what it is, but generally yes. There is always an opportunity and there have been many businesses who have successfully started up in the last few months and done incredibly well, along with existing businesses having to adapt.

**7. If you suddenly became financially independent, what would you miss most about your job?**

An element of routine and regular interaction with colleagues.

**8. What is the difference between a top ten 10 employer and a smaller firm?**

I think you get a wider range of experience in a smaller firm because you will find you have to turn your hand to lots of tasks. It gives you a good idea of what you might like to specialise in, which is where a move to a larger firm can be beneficial.

**9. If you could meet a celebrity, dead or alive, who would it be?**

Nina Simone

**10. Describe yourself in three words?**

Trustworthy, loyal and honest.