

Todmorden Town Council – Handmade Parade Lockdown Lamplighter proposal

Windows on the World

We want to work with the people of Todmorden to turn the windows – both of houses and shops - of Todmorden into a fantastic, themed, illuminated story.

We will work with the businesses, schools and public of Todmorden to create artwork that can be displayed in houses and shops windows, illuminated from behind.

We're hoping that this will be, while not Lamplighter, in the spirit of the event, and be a gorgeous, public way of bringing joy to Todmorden and lighting up the dark nights.

Guided by one of our artists, businesses can create their own or we can partner a group/ school/ family with a business. These will be on display during the last weekend of October – the original planned date for Lamplighter this year.

We will then take professional photographs and film footage of the illuminated windows, and then make a short, animated film. We will make it publicly available, exploring as many options as we can to reach local audiences, and in addition, we will project it on a large scale as part of Lamplighter 2021, when -fingers crossed- we'll be back with the full lantern parade and festival.



This will be a standalone film, but the work that Todmorden's residents produce will also form an important chapter of a bigger, national, project which we are doing. Called 'We Are Here', and funded by Arts Council England, it is a collaborative project where we will be working online to write, design & perform a new 30-minute film, the story told by multiple participants across the country.

Participants and ways of working

We will partner directly with Todmorden High School's 'Hive' to work with vulnerable young people, and Healthy Minds Todmorden to work with adults with mental health difficulties – all as per our original application.

In addition, we will also work with the primary schools, families and the wider public. We will spread the word through direct contact, our existing word-of-mouth and social media networks, publicity in print media and physical posters and flyers. We anticipate an additional 250 people will be involved in this way.

We will work within the appropriate social distancing guidelines – at the moment we are assuming that we will have to provide remote guidance, and we have suitable communication systems in place for this to happen easily.

