

Item 7f -Todmorden College Introduction for website

Todmorden College

The existence of Todmorden College is testament to the town's strong community spirit, and the proven capacity of Todmorden residents to work together to make positive change. After five years of community campaigning and fundraising, the college building was successfully transferred from Calderdale Council to community ownership, therefore saving the building itself from being bulldozed. This was a huge victory for Todmorden and has allowed the space to be used for a wide range of community-enhancing purposes, including sports groups, sewing courses and food banks.

Climate Challenge College

Todmorden is home to the Climate Challenge College -the very first of its kind in the country. The college provides a course for anyone aged 16+ who wishes to learn more about sustainability and working within the green economy, through training and skill-building. The course focuses upon natural building, regenerative farming and recycling/upcycling through repair and reuse methods.

As part of the Climate Challenge College's active role in addressing the climate crisis, the course organisers delivered a very successful event called TodCOP, to coincide with the COP 26 event in Glasgow. TodCOP took place at their home in Todmorden College, where young people, members of the public and guest speakers were invited to share their thoughts, partake in fun green-oriented activities, enjoy live music and learn more about the current environmental issues at stake.

You can find out more information on the Climate Challenge College of Todmorden by visiting their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/climatechallengecollege/> or by going on Twitter at https://twitter.com/climate_college?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor

Todmorden Makery

Operating within the space of Todmorden College is Todmorden Makery. Todmorden Makery officially opened in October 2021 as a communal space where people can work together to practice recycling and resourcefulness through repairing, upcycling and construction projects. This aims to help people build confidence, learn new skills and use tools and resources that aren't easily available or accessible. The workshop is also a great place to meet new people and share ideas. For further information, check out: www.todmordenmakery.org.uk.