



## TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

### GRANT APPLICATION FORM – MAXIMUM GRANT £3,000

Applicants should familiarise themselves with the Discretionary Grants Policy and award criteria before submitting their Grant application. Please complete all the highlighted boxes on this application form

#### Contact Details

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	Todmorden Makery (Scavenger Labs FM C.I.C is the legal body)
<b>Address of Organisation</b>	Makery Workshop Todmorden Community College, 44 Burnley Road, Todmorden OL147BX
<b>Name of person making application</b>	
<b>Position in Organisation</b>	Director
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>website</b>	<a href="https://todmordenmakery.org.uk/">https://todmordenmakery.org.uk/</a>

#### Organisation Details

<b>What type of Organisation are you? (Delete as appropriate)</b>	
Charitable organisation	Unregistered Community Group/Club/Society
Registered Charity (Charity number please state below)	Other (please state below) <b>Community Interest Company C.I.C</b>
<b>Do you have a constitution or a set of rules? (if yes, please enclose a copy of your constitution)</b>	Yes
<b>Are you part of a larger, national or regional organisation? (If yes, please give details)</b>	No
<b>How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?</b>	340-350 3 directors 8 on steering group 35 regular volunteers 300 registered members and occasional volunteers  In addition 150 extra registered “friends” of the project on our mailing list and 1200 on our facebook page.

**Tell us about your organisation, its aims and the work you wish to undertake and your main activities and how you encourage engagement from all sections of the Todmorden Community**

Todmorden Makery is the main project of Scavenger Labs C.I.C. The objective of the Makery is to promote social cohesion and community resilience in Calderdale through practically oriented collaboration with an emphasis on sustainability and reuse. We achieve our objective through inclusive knowledge-sharing, fixing and making at our workshop-space based at Todmorden College. This takes place through regular community repair sessions, wellbeing groups and pre-booked workshop sessions, targeting a range of skills.

Regular Makery activities currently include: our weekly Men's wellbeing group (Men in Sheds), monthly Women in Workshops group, textile and upholstery repair sessions, twice weekly bike repair, general repair sessions (electronics, computers, household tools, etc) and skills-focused workshops. We have run many after school sessions for families in creative crafting, computer coding, digital game making and beginner repair skills.

The Makery contains a well-stocked tool library for DIY projects, and delivers specific workshops tailored to community needs such as retrofit and improving home efficiency. In 2023 we piloted guided craft and textile based sessions (called Recover and Remake) aimed at adults requiring more support or a quiet environment. All these sessions and services are completely free of charge and promoted widely in Todmorden. We promote our activities using online/digital tools and non digital means. For example most of our workshops are promoted first with posters and leaflets through the doors of people in central Todmorden delivered by our volunteers, and via networking at local events before going online. We use an email based mailing list, facebook and other social media to reach out to the wider community,

**Will your project have any implications in respect of climate emergency and if so, how do you intend to minimise such impact?**

We strive to limit waste, and provide people with environmentally friendly solutions to some of our most common needs. This includes repairing not replacing, and cycling without being hampered by commercial maintenance costs. It also includes workshops such as Recover and Remake which specifically build our community's capacity to repair, reuse, craft and make.

One of the core missions of our project is to reduce waste which has a positive effect of lowering carbon emissions in regards to the full impact of the full cycle of production. We promote the value of repair and reuse and we are proud of the willingness of the people of Todmorden to get involved in our workshop oriented to reducing environmental and climate impact. Having repair and re-use of materials as the most prominent feature of the project and the workshop shows that people will volunteer their time to share skills and resources to improve the global environment and add richness to their local community.

In particular, textile waste and electronic-waste are extremely damaging to the environment and have negative climate effects. We prevent a significant amount of household items from going to landfill or overseas disposal. But even more importantly we are a hub to exchange skills to spread the process of repair.

As well as repairing items bought by owners and helping owners to build their repair skills. We also repair donated items and regifting them to the general public via our free/ give what you can shop (which is very popular with foodbank users on Saturday mornings). A new project involves regifting mobile phone and tablets after our volunteers have securely wiped data.

Our outreach workshops place strong emphasis on reusing materials that would otherwise have been discarded. They offer members' a chance to collaboratively make beautiful creations from what may otherwise have been landfill. In addition, most of our core tools like sewing machines, tools, computers have been sourced second hand or have been donated by the public.

**How will you acknowledge the Assistance of Todmorden Town Council on all promotional material - see declaration attend of application.**

We are happy to follow the guidance and acknowledge the assistance of Todmorden Town Council on all our printed promotional material. We will also acknowledge the assistance of Todmorden Town Council regularly on social media posts and upon award of any grant support explicitly acknowledging the help of the council.

For the last grant application we included the Town Council logo as part of all of our advertised events. <https://todmordenmastery.org.uk/2023/05/22/free-workshops-2023/>

We are also very happy to work in partnership with the Town Council if they have a particular focus that they would like to promote using our activities.

## Project Information

**Which Grant are you applying for? Small Grant**

Small Grant		
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**What is the Purpose of grant request (delete as appropriate)**

	Project Delivery	Core Funding	
		Social Exclusion	Accessibility and inclusivity
Community Benefit	Community Cohesion		Cultural Arts & Music
Environmental project	Climate change		
Skill development	Economic difficulties	Health & Wellbeing	Community Room Venue Hire

Other (please state) Some of the key purposes are highlighted above.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Todmorden Makery Drop In and Outreach Sessions</b>
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<b>When will your project start?</b>	<b>2/3/2024</b>
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<b>When will your project finish?</b>	<b>2/3/2025</b>
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**How will your project benefit the local community within the Todmorden town boundary? (Use a separate Sheet if necessary).**

This project represents our core, ongoing activity. As such it contains many of our core costs. We applied and were successful last year for the small grants fund. As part of our on-going wish to be sustainable, we are applying for a reduced amount this year despite increased cost and will make up for the remaining costs through donations from our members and running one off market stalls and other events as fundraising activities.

We run 6 weekly drop ins which are staffed by volunteers and attended by the general public seeking help to repair or make objects. The current times are listed on our website.  
<https://todmordenmastery.org.uk/events-calendar/>

Our project core costs for running drop in sessions for this year are £4,467 a year. We're run by volunteers, so there are no staff costs for these drop in sessions and for the administration. Our core annual costs are mostly rent (£3267), tools and materials (£950) and a contribution to admin, publicity and accounting costs (£250). In addition, this application also includes a budget for 5 outreach workshops to contribute to attract a diversity of new people to use and to take part in the project.

We ran this project last year with your support. The payment of our core costs then allowed us to apply for other funding to pay for the time of project workers to organise and promote projects to widen our outreach and to involve harder to reach members of the community. As in our application last year we will raise half of that via a funding application, and the other half from members.

A list of the kinds of activities that happen at Makers Workshop Drop-in session is as follows:

Repairing activities; including bikes, electronic appliances, anything that can be glued, knife sharpening & textile repairs.

Art and Craft Making; including woodworking, textiles, low-cost crafting materials.

Refurbishing Computers; for distribution to household that need them

Upholstery: upholstery drop in has quickly gained momentum as a great skill sharing opportunity with experienced upholsterers helping participants re-create some furniture

Use of the Tool library; The tool library is located in the Makers. It provides weekly rental of power tools such as mitre saws, cordless drills and garden strimmers

In addition to the drop in sessions there are extra sessions that our members put on free of charge. These are not regular but will be made possible by the Makers core funding we are applying for in this application.

- Textiles and Haberdashery swap shop
- Kids afterschool club on Wednesdays
- Repair Cafe
- Men in Sheds
- Women in Workshops

This workshop and its community helps nurture the already great fixing and making knowledge in our community. We are still growing our collective understanding of what can and can't be repaired and who has the skills to do it.

This project is more than just about building technical fixing skills. The confidence and wellbeing of members is also a positive outcome (as detailed below) across different communities in Calderdale and

at a range of partner services (e.g. Todmorden Food Bank), to reach a wide demographic and socioeconomic range of participants.

For older members of the community benefits are strong social networks and a vibrant community experience, reducing social isolation. We have attached some additional case studies to support the case for our benefit for members regarding social interaction and isolation

**Why is this project needed? What advantage will it bring to Todmorden?**

As a society we are becoming more aware of the environmental costs of the more negative effects of consumer culture. However, while there is a growing awareness, making everyday changes requires support from your local community. Some of the environmental benefits of the project have already been discussed in the section above.

We know that the Makersy is good for the planet and good for people. Activities which provide useful outlets to volunteers and are helpful to maintain wellbeing are useful to many people. Feedback has shown that they are particularly valuable to older and more vulnerable members of our community. We are developing and extending projects and sessions which are suitable as therapeutic activities, where the end goal is that group members perceive themselves as more active, capable and resilient. We have built our capacity as a group to be able to undertake these activities.

While this application is for our drop in activities, some outreach workshops and to and to pay for our core costs, covering these costs also enables us to apply for further funding for additional well being projects including Men in Sheds, and workshops to help with social isolation and funding for volunteer coordination. We have been successful in funding applications are in process of exploring more options for longer term support of a volunteer coordinators

We also hope that this project will benefit local businesses as people will travel to attend the events at the workshops. We anticipate that the workshop will attract a wide range of people to the college who take advantage of other opportunities there. We will try to grow a culture of repairing objects and signpost people to local professional repairers.

**How many people within the Todmorden town boundary will benefit from the project?**

Demand and interest in the Makersy workshop is still growing with an average of 20 new members a month. We hope to benefit 350 people directly which include regular and occasional users of the workshop and others attending one off events over the course of the grant period. There may be an additional 200 community members who benefitting in other ways from the making and repairing activities, skills learned or the household goods that we put back into the community via our free shop. The additional numbers of people who benefit via wider partnership projects and knock-on effects is hard to estimate.

**Please include dates and venue of events if applicable (include a draft programme if available.)**

# Makery Workshop Timetable



The Makery is a volunteer-run community workshop space. We can help repair things and get you started on your own making projects.

**Get creative or get fixing.  
Save money, relax & have a brew!**

Come along to a **regular drop in session**, email [todmordenmakery@gmail.com](mailto:todmordenmakery@gmail.com) or call on 01706 318132

Mon. 12 - 2 pm	Upholstery & Textiles Club
Mon. 6 - 7.30 pm	Bike Repair Drop In
Wed. 12 - 1.30 pm	Woodworking & General Drop In
Wed. 1.30 - 3 pm	Textiles & Quiet Drop In
Wed. 6 - 7.30 pm	Electricals & General Drop In
Fri. 12 - 2 pm	Textiles & General Drop In
Sat. 10 am - 12 pm	Repair Cafe & Tool Library

Makery Workshop, Tod College, Burnley Rd (next to Aldi)

We are made possible by the kind efforts of our volunteers, members and supporters and Todmorden town council funding.



[www.todmordenmakery.org.uk](http://www.todmordenmakery.org.uk)

## Financial Information/ Project Costs

Total Project Costs	£ 4,467
Amount requested from TTC	£ 2,233.50
Have you previously applied for grant funding from Todmorden Town Council? (If yes please give details including when and how much)	Yes

2021: £3000  
2022: £2,550

Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project? (If yes please give details below/ separate sheet)

No  
Apart from last  
years' application to  
Town Council as  
detailed above

**Budget:** This budget should be for the total cost of the activity you are applying to do. Please be as accurate as you can, as you may be asked to explain any amount which is unclear. Attach a separate budget sheet if you have done this work already.

*(Please provide estimates/quotations of the proposed items of expenditure you may use as evidence on separate sheets. If you are unable to claim VAT back please ensure the gross value is put in here. And please do not round figures up)*

Expenditure Description	Cost (£)
Rent @ £272.25 a month x 12	£3267
Tools and materials	£950
Contribution to admin, accounts and insurance	£250
	£
	£
	£
	£
Volunteer Hours (based on £10 per hour as for this project only)	£
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£4,467</b>

Other income	
Income Description	Cost (£)
Donations via monthly contributions, fundraising and one off donations	£ 2233.50
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
	£
Volunteer Hours (this should match the figure in the expenditure table)	£
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£ 2233.50</b>

## Organisation Financial Information

Level of Reserves Held at application date	£3,200
Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date	£9,095.55
Total value of Assets Held	£3,000

### Official Use Only

Sum requested from Todmorden Town Council	£2,233.50
Applicant contribution % = (B/A)%	50%
Todmorden Town Council Contribution % = (C/A)%	50 %
Total income (must be sum of B & C above) and equal to figure A	
Does applicant contribution % meet criteria – see end of application form	Yes
Volunteer Hours % contribution	
Does the volunteer hours contribution % meet criteria	Yes
Town Clerk confirmed Bank details and supporting documents.	Yes