



**TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL
GRANTS AWARDED FEEDBACK FORM**

Organisation Name	Todmorden Book Festival		
Date of Award	June 2023	Amount of Award	£ 3000
Total Actual Project Cost	£ 17518	Ref Number: <i>(office use only)</i>	Minute ref:

Purpose of Grant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Town Hall Hire <input type="checkbox"/> Project Delivery X <input type="checkbox"/> Core Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Pride X <input type="checkbox"/> Town Centre Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Promotion <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change <input type="checkbox"/> Community Benefit X	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion X <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts & Music X <input type="checkbox"/> Town Centre Event <input type="checkbox"/> Food Growing <input type="checkbox"/> Skills Development <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Sector Youth Engagement X <input type="checkbox"/> Social Exclusion/Economic Difficulties <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility and Inclusivity – especially Dementia friendly <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify)

Summary of project successes outcomes, benefits to Todmorden Community and Residents and numbers positively impacted by this Grant. If a more detailed appraisal is available for your project and its outcome, please attach to this feedback form.

We estimate about 2000 we're engaged in the festival as volunteers and audience members.

Primary school events. Story tellers held events at five of the primary schools in Todmorden and were very well received to the extent that one of them rebooked the storyteller for another of their events. At a sixth school a poet worked with cohorts of children to produce a poem, An Ode to Todmorden which was then turned into a piece of music and performed together with the children reading their work, by the children's orchestra, Music for the Many.

The High School event where two authors talked of their work and how they go about writing a book, proved equally popular and stimulating, encouraging a lively discussion between writers and students.

Our Soundscapes project involving local voices telling their stories accompanied by the sounds of life in Todmorden was launched in Todmorden library where it will be available for all to listen to free for the coming months.

Many of our paid for events were sell outs and although the majority of attendees were from Todmorden they also brought considerable numbers into our town from Manchester, HB, Halifax, Leeds, Huddersfield and wider afield. We covered a variety of genres including spy, detective, poetry, non fiction and humour as well as sold out masterclasses. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive and very encouraging.

As ever all Community and school events were free as was attendance at all events for under 18s. Our other events were entirely accessible and operated a half price concession for low income and those on benefits.

Impact – if applicable and where known have benefited from project - complete where relevant.	Numbers
Residents engaged in project/ viewed outcome.	Around 2000
Volunteers engaged in project.	18
Todmorden residents benefitting from skills development.	N/a
Volunteers benefitting from skills development.	10
Town Centre and or other venue visits generated.	7
Youth persons involved in project.	53
Dementia friendly activities involved in the project	N/a
Socially excluded/those with economic difficulties involved in the project.	Unknown

Financial Summary of Project/Event	Expenditure	£ 17518	Income	£ 17509
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If possible, please provide a set of accounts in respect of this specific project and where applicable, a later set of audited accounts if these are now available since originally submitting your grant application.

Where accounts are not available a simple income and expenditure statement will suffice.

Please attach evidence of expenditure e.g. receipts.

How have you promoted the assistance of the Town Council in your project literature/Web Site and or Social Media? Please provide supporting evidence and where able to analytics of visits to site, opportunities to see.

We always put the Town Council logo on all publicity material including our website. Banners, flyers, brochures.

At our launch event we pay tribute to the support of the Town Council and of course invite the Town mayor and councillors to join us.

What lasting benefit do you think the Town Council Grant has made to your organisation?

To have the councils support is of itself incredibly important to us as local volunteers as it gives us confidence that we are seen as a festival of benefit to our town.

The grant is important as it allows us to book nationally renowned authors as well as local ones and most particularly allows us to put on free events for young people and the community. Without it we couldn't reach the numbers we do reach.

If you have received grants from the Town Council before, please advise how you intend to be more self-sustainable and reduce your reliance on Town Council funding for the future.

We will always attempt to maximise income from ticket sales, keep costs down and invest in our volunteers , but as an inclusive festival with many 'free to locals' events, we will always to some extent rely on public support to help make this possible.

If your project had any impact on Climate Emergency what were these and how were they minimised ?

N/A other than we encourage people to come by public transport where possible.