



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

Name of Organisation	Golden Lion Sounds CIC
Address of Organisation	Golden Lion , Fielden Sq Todmorden OL14 6LZ
Name of person making application	████████████████████
Position in Organisation	██████
Phone Number	██████████
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website	████████████████████

Organisation Details

What type of Organisation are you? (Delete as appropriate)	
Community Interest Company	
Do you have a constitution or a set of rules? (if yes, please enclose a copy of your constitution)	Yes
Are you part of a larger, national or regional organisation? (If yes, please give details)	No
How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?	3
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	

Golden Lion Sounds is the music and art publishing project at The Golden Lion Pub, a vibrant music venue and community hub in Todmorden, established in 2015. One of the key aims of Golden Lion Sounds is to deliver high-quality arts experiences for the Todmorden community, with a focus on inclusivity and engagement.

As part of this commitment, we propose to host Casey Orr's award-winning photographic project, *Saturday Town*, in Todmorden. This well-established youth portrait project has engaged hundreds of young people across Northern cities and regions including Leeds, Kirklees, Burnley, Redcar, and Barrow-in-Furness, with the aim of making visible the diverse identities of UK youth today. The project captures a dynamic, evolving view of identity, moving beyond traditional gender terms and embracing the fluidity of self-expression.

Casey Orr is an internationally recognised photographer and artist who has lived in the UK for over 25 years. Her work explores themes such as identity, belonging, and the interconnectedness of communities, often focusing on women's lives and relationships to place. Her practice is rooted in collaboration and storytelling, and her award-winning series, *Saturday Girl*, has been showcased in renowned galleries and festivals across the UK and the US, including Tate Liverpool, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, and the National Portrait Gallery.

By bringing Saturday Town to Todmorden we aim to celebrate the creativity and diversity of our town's young people (ages 14–25), offering them an opportunity to be part of this national body of work. By targeting our promotion of the event at local organisations such as The Proud Trust LGBTQI+ youth group and Todmorden High School's photography students, we will ensure the project reaches a broad and inclusive audience. Promotional material will be sent digitally to teachers and group leaders to share with students and service users. Promotion will also be through social media via Casey Orr, Golden Lion Sounds and their partners via digital posters and invitations. Casey collaborates with creatives in each Saturday Town location. This offers professional opportunities locally and invites artists into the process who have a lived experience of the town. In Todmorden multidisciplinary artist Bomi Seo will work with Casey to style a photoshoot.

Planned Activities:

1. Two free pop-up portrait photoshoots: These will take place in the events/community room at The Golden Lion, where all participants will receive a free portrait. Everyone is welcome, and no one will be turned away. The photoshoot is from 12- 4. Participants are invited to be photographed in groups or individually. The photoshoot is a fun and playful environment with colourful backdrops and music in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Everyone taking part signs a model release form informing them of image usage with relevant sections for under 18s and legal guardians. Participants can choose to have their photo taken but not to be in the exhibition. All participants are emailed their portrait in the week after the photoshoot.
2. Digital exhibition/slideshow: The portraits will be displayed at The Golden Lion, offering a space for the community to celebrate the work and creativity of young participants. There will also be an online exhibition of the images taken in Todmorden on the Saturday Town website.

This project will not only spotlight the voices and perspectives of Todmorden's youth but also provide them with opportunities to connect, express themselves, and engage with the arts in an accessible and empowering way. Casey Orr has an enhanced DBS. She holds Public Liability Insurance and follows GDPR guidelines confirming consent with project model release forms.

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

Environmental impacts have been carefully considered in the planning and execution of this project. Publicity materials and exhibition elements will utilise recycled and eco-friendly printing methods wherever possible to minimise waste and reduce the carbon footprint of the project.

The project itself celebrates sustainability by highlighting how creativity and self-expression, particularly in fashion and art, can embrace eco-conscious practices. Through the lens of youth identity, *Saturday Town* fosters discussions around reimagining style and culture in ways that prioritise environmental responsibility.

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

All printed and online materials will include Todmorden Town Council logos and links to any required or relevant websites.

Project Information

Which Grant are you applying for?		
Small Grant		

What is the Purpose of grant request (delete as appropriate)			
	Project Delivery		Civic Pride
	Voluntary sector youth Engagement		Accessibility and inclusivity
Community Benefit	Community Cohesion		Cultural Arts & Music
Environmental project	Climate change		
Other (please state)			
Project Name	Saturday Town		
When will your project start?	08/02/25		
When will your project finish?	15/03/25		

How will your project benefit the local community within the Todmorden town boundary?

The free pop-up portrait studios serve as an entry point for documenting and connecting with young people in Todmorden who use fashion as a powerful tool to express their values and identities. The project will bring the following benefits to the local community:

- **Empowering young people:** By acknowledging and celebrating their creativity, the project provides a platform for youth to feel valued and seen within their community.
- **Offering accessible, high-quality creative experiences:** Every participant will receive a free professional portrait, making the arts accessible to all, regardless of background or financial situation.
- **Creating a shared cultural legacy:** The portraits will form a contemporary visual record of Todmorden's youth, becoming part of a nationally recognised project. This will not only spotlight Todmorden on a larger stage but also strengthen local pride and identity.
- **Fostering connection and collaboration:** The project will bring together diverse groups of young people, including those connected to The Proud Trust LGBTQI+ youth group. By doing so, it will encourage dialogue and understanding across different social and cultural perspectives.

Ultimately, this project will celebrate the unique voices of Todmorden's young people while contributing to the town's cultural richness and sense of community.

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

This project is needed to create meaningful opportunities for young people in Todmorden to explore and express their identity through the creative and playful medium of fashion. *Saturday Town* specifically focuses on supporting marginalised communities, including LGBTQAI+ youth, who are often underrepresented in traditional arts programming. By celebrating and empowering diverse identities, the project will provide a much-needed platform for young creatives to share their voices and stories.

In comparison to cities, Northern towns like Todmorden have fewer opportunities for young people to engage with high-quality arts projects as both participants and audiences. *Saturday Town* addresses this disparity by bringing an award-winning, nationally recognised project directly into the community, offering an inclusive experience for all.

Additionally, the project acts as a contemporary cultural record of Todmorden's youth in 2025, showcasing their individuality, creativity, and resilience. It will foster local pride and strengthen connections within the community, while also putting Todmorden on the map as a town that values and invests in its young people.

By celebrating Todmorden's youth, this project not only enriches the local arts landscape but also contributes to a more inclusive and vibrant future for the town.

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

The project is open to all young people aged 14–25 within Todmorden, a demographic that represents approximately 16% of the town’s population based on local census data* While the exact number of participants depends on engagement, we anticipate directly involving around 50–100 young people through the pop-up portrait studios, with additional indirect engagement through the digital exhibition.

The project’s inclusive nature ensures accessibility for all. Beyond participants, the broader community, including family members and friends will benefit from the project’s celebration of youth creativity and diversity, fostering greater understanding and local pride.

*https://www.citypopulation.de/en/uk/yorkshireandthehumber/west_yorkshire/E63000926_todmorden/

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

1st Pop up photoshoot - 8/02/25 12 - 4
 2nd Pop up photoshoot - 22/02/25 12 - 4
 Digital Exhibition online launch - 15/03/25
 The Golden Lion Exhibition and Celebration - 15/03/25 12 - 4

Financial Information/ Project Costs

Total Project Costs	£3,390.24
Amount requested from TTC (Must be equal to the shortfall between Figure A. Expenditure and Figure B. Income below)	£1,550.00
Have you previously applied for grant funding from Todmorden Town Council? (If yes please give details including when and how much)	Yes
Community Scratch Jam Event 2023 - £650 Community Scratch Jam Event 2024 - £760	
Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project? (If yes please give details below)	No

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.

(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 (£)
Two free popup photoshoots in Golden Lion event/community space @ £400 pd	£ 800.00
2 post-production days - (includes sending out portraits to all participants) @ £250 per day	£ 500.00
Digital exhibition production and slideshow delivery 3 days @ £250 per day	£ 750.00
Styling at 1 photoshoot by local artist Bomi Seo	£ 250.00
Photoshoot materials	£ 200.00
Venue hire/hosting - 2 days	£ 600.00
Flyer/poster print costs	£ 50.00
Volunteer hours 21 @ £11.44	£ 240.14
A. Total Expenditure	£ 3,390.24

Other income	
Income Description	Cost (£)
Golden Lion own funds	£ 250.00
2 production days (in kind Casey Orr)	£ 500.00
Photoshoot materials (in kind)	£ 200.00
Venue Hire (in kind)	£ 600.00
Flyer/poster print costs	£ 50.00
Volunteer hours 21 @ £11.44	£ 240.24
B. Total Income	£ 1,840.24

C. Grant Requested from Council	£ 1,550.00
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Organisation Financial Information

Level of Reserves Held at application date	£0
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Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date	£ 1666.67
Total value of Assets Held	£0

Name of signatory on the account 1	████████████████████
Name of signatory on the account 2	████████████████████

Organisations Bank details	
Bank Account Name	████████████████████
Bank (HSBC, Natwest etc)	
Sort Code	██-██-██
Account Number	██████████

Acknowledging the contribution from Todmorden Town Council

This is public money used to support local good causes. We would expect residents to be made aware of this wherever your organisation is able to do so through use of the Council's crest and commentary wherever the opportunity arises.

- Press Release on award of Grant.
- Web Site acknowledgement that Todmorden Town Council has provided a Grant and the amount provided.
- Social media post on award being given.
- Any literature promoting the project and or purpose of the grant.
- Inclusion of crest on letter footer as funders/part funders of organisation.

Declaration

- I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation
- I certify that the information contained in this application is correct
- I confirm that I have read and understood the Council's criteria for its small grants scheme
- If the information in the application changes, I will inform Todmorden Town Council as soon as possible