



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. We also provide a guidance document to help you with the completion of this form.

1. Contact Details

Name of Organisation	Music for the Many
Address of Organisation	[REDACTED]
Name of person making application	[REDACTED]
Position in Organisation	[REDACTED]
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
website	https://music4themanymany.com

2. Organisation Details

2a. What type of Organisation are you? (Delete as appropriate)	
Registered Charity (Charity number please state below) 1185526	
2b. Do you have a constitution or a set of rules? (if yes, please enclose a copy of your constitution)	Yes
2c. Are you part of a larger, national or regional organisation? (If yes, please give details)	No
2d. How many trustees, volunteers and service users are there in your organisation?	5 unpaid trustees 30 unpaid volunteers 150 service users at present 1 part time paid amin assistant

2e. 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. (Please aim for a minimum of 200 words)

General Information about Music for the Many.

Music for the Many was set up to provide free instrumental and vocal tuition to children with particular reference to those from poor and diverse families. Beginning in 2018 and working, at present, mainly in Todmorden (although we also serve children from Beech Hill School in Halifax), we aim to overcome the barriers that beset children and families from accessing instrumental tuition. Our service are completely free to children and their families. Schools ask us to help and our services are also free to schools. Currently we teach 148 children a total of 14 different instruments – Cello (13), Clarinet (10), Flute (10), French Horn (1), Guitar (24), Oboe (3), Percussion (3), Piano (10), Recorder (11), Saxophone (5), Tabla (4), Trombone (2), Trumpet (10) and Violin (42). We loan instruments which are mainly donated and refurbished by us. We have successfully developed methods of teaching in ensemble, band and small orchestral setting. This gives children many different reasons for wanting to learn and feeling easier in the learning process. If a child needs one to one tuition – that is what they get. 47% of the children we serve qualify for free school meals, 29% receive support for Special Educational Needs, 48% are eligible for the Pupil Premium and 30% have English as a second language. From a very early stage in their musical journey, we provide opportunities for the children to perform in public and also to perform with professional musicians. Our highly qualified tutors – all self-employed are paid the going rate which is 336 per hour – around half of what an electrician or plumber would expect.

Our Pennine Guitar Festival.

Our Pennine Guitar Festival is a Music for the Many projects in association with Kevin Rivett and Katrina Aslet-Clarke of Pennine Guitars (Water Street). It will take place in Todmorden on Friday 26th-Sunday 28th September 2025. It is aimed at the whole of Todmorden – people of all ages whether guitarists or not. It will take place in Todmorden and use the Community College as it's venue. All proceeds will be for Music for the Many. This will be the first Guitar Festival in Todmorden, and we hope it will be an annual or biannual event from now on. We have planned events and workshops. Most of the headline artists have signed up – one or two have yet to be finalised. Our headline act is Craig Ogden, who is an internationally renowned classical guitarist. We will also have Rebecca Spooner, Mollie Tilson and Vernon Bigsby. The Lounge Society will headline the Saturday evening programme with Jack's Band providing support. One of the most interesting features of the Festival is the importance we attach to attracting local children and youth. There will be a Schools Talent event on the Friday afternoon and various workshops throughout Saturday. These will include "Play Guitar in 30 mins", "Play with Pedals" and on Sunday "Introduction to classical Guitar" led by Kevin Rivett. We hope to attract families and children from all over Todmorden to the Festival so we will be looking keenly at various ways of publicising it.

2f. Will your project have any implications in respect of climate emergency and if so, how do you intend to minimise such impact?

We do not think that the Festival will have major implications for the climate challenge emergency. Todmorden College is run in a very ecologically minded way.

2g. How will you acknowledge the assistance of Todmorden Town Council on all promotional material (Please see Section 7 below)

All our posters, banners and other publicity will refer to the help we may receive from Todmorden Town Council.

3. Project Information

3a. Which Grant are you applying for?			
Small Grant			
3b. What is the Purpose of grant request (delete as appropriate)			
	Project Delivery		
Community Benefit			Cultural Arts & Music
Skill development			
Other (please state) Artist fees			

3c. Project Name	Pennine Guitar Festival
3d. When will your project start?	Friday 26th September 2025
3e. When will your project finish?	Sunday 28th September 2025

3f. How will your project benefit the local community within the Todmorden town boundary?

The Pennine Guitar Festival will help to bring music to everybody who is interested in Todmorden. We hope it will inspire children and young people to take up a musical instrument and become aware of how playing music on their own or with others can add further dimensions and enrich their lives. We hope it will help them to learn about cooperation with others and give children confidence in music and other areas of life. We know that this occurs because schools we work with have confirmed this. We also have learnt that such events can help bring diverse elements of our community together.

3g. Why is this project needed? What advantage will it bring to Todmorden?

There has never been a Guitar Festival in Todmorden. The Guitar is often seen by the general public as the most popular instrument, and we acknowledge this and have included the guitar across many genres. There are many talented guitarists in Todmorden, and our first Festival is also an attempt to bring them to the forefront for this festival and future years.

3h. How many people within the Todmorden town boundary will benefit from the project?

Music for the Many Concerts are always well attended, and we will maximise this through our publicity. Tickets for all events and workshops at the Festival will be by donation so we hope that no one will feel excluded.

3i. Please include dates and venue of events if applicable (include a draft programme if available.)

All concerts and workshops will take place at the Community College either in the main hall or in various rooms during Friday 26th to and including Sunday 28th September 2025.

4. Financial Information/ Project Costs

4a. Total Project Costs	£6570.80	
4b. Amount requested from TTC (This figure must be equal to the shortfall between Figure A. Expenditure and Figure B. Income at item 4e below).	£3000.00	
4c. Have you previously applied for grant funding from Todmorden Town Council? (If yes please give details of grants received from the Town Council over the last 5 years.)		No
4d. Have you or this group previously applied for or received any other grant for this project? (If yes please give details below)		No
Applied to		
Dates of application		
Received from		
Date received/or due		
Amount received		

4e. 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 (£)
Venue hire	£834.60
Artists fees	£4250
Outreach sessions	£576
Admin (32 hours @ 14p/h)	£448
Publicity	£462.20
A. Total Expenditure (must be = to 4a: Total Project Costs)	£6570.80

Other income	
Income Description	Cost (£)
Fundraising events - expected	£3570.80
B. Total Income	£3570.80

C. Total Grant Requested from the Town Council*	£3000
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*This figure must be equal to the difference between Figure A and Figure B above. Please put this figure in box 4e. Amount Requested from TTC)

5. Organisation Financial Information

5a. Level of Reserves Held at application date	£0
5b. Bank Statement(s) Balance at application date	£45,322.61 (22,000 is ring fenced for our youth Orchestra project, so our available balance is £23,322.61)
5c. Total value of Assets Held	£0

5d. Name of signatory on the account 1	
5e. Name of signatory on the account 2	

5f. Organisations Bank details	
Bank Account Name	
Bank (HSBC, Virgin etc)	
Sort Code	
Account Number	