

## Handmade Parade Paid Interns

**Handmade Parade** is looking for **4 paid interns** to come and immerse themselves in our work! This long-term work/training opportunity spans both our signature events – **Hebden Bridge Handmade Parade** in June, and Todmorden **Lamplighter** festival in November, culminating in our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary symposium, **Parading the North**, in early December.

**Handmade Parade CIC** creates bold, colourful events through a unique coming-together of professional parade artists and community participation. Since the first annual parade in Hebden Bridge in 2008, we've generated a riot of stunning procession and pageant art, including giant puppets, stilt walkers, a samba band, masks, costumes and lanterns. Please visit <http://handmadeparade.co.uk/> to see examples of past events.



This year, to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are hoping to grow a new crop of parade artists to contribute to our future work, and are looking for a team of hard working, enthusiastic, imaginative, skilled, diverse makers and workshop leaders who like the sort of thing we do and want to be part of it.

There is a core commitment of roughly paid 50 days over the 3 main projects, during which time you will be involved in preparing for and assisting in running public parade art workshops and assisting our team of lead artists in larger builds. In addition to this work, we will also offer free training in our core skills (approx. 15 days training) – workshop leading, withy sculpture, papier mache sculpting puppet structures, lantern making to enable you to create your own beautiful parade art.

We are offering a fee of £3000 for this period. This includes travel and expenses. You will be working either at Handmade Parade's workshop in Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire or at a workshop site in Todmorden.

Throughout the year there may also be other opportunities for paid or volunteer work contributing to our other Handmade Parade events with different communities - We will be looking for ways to keep you involved if you are interested.

### Dates

Dates marked with an asterisk(\*) are essential. We cannot consider applications from people who are not available for all the required dates. Other dates to be negotiated as per availability between these core commitments on events during the summer and Autumn (roughly 5 days)

8<sup>th</sup> May – Induction day\*

**Big Puppet making workshops:**

9<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May (dates TBC)

**Hebden Bridge Handmade Parade (25 days)**

5 weeks. 5 day per week during this period, to include:

23<sup>rd</sup> May – workshop set up\*

From 3<sup>rd</sup> June - workshops on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays\*

25<sup>th</sup> June – event day\*

27<sup>th</sup> June – clean up, evaluation\*

**Other Parades/events (5 days)**

Throughout the year – subject to availability/interest

Details TBC

**Todmorden Lamplighter Festival (15 days)**

3 weeks. 5 days per week during November , to include:

- set up
- workshops on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays

Event date TBC

**Parading the North Symposium, Todmorden (5 days)**

5 days commitment end Nov/ Dec dates TBC

Event date TBC

**How to Apply**

Please send a copy of your CV and a cover letter outlining both your making and workshop leading/assisting experience. Please also include up to 3 images of work you have made, and list 2 referees who are familiar with your recent work. Please email applications to [info@handmadeparade.co.uk](mailto:info@handmadeparade.co.uk) by 9am on **27<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

Applicants must have or be willing to consent to a DBS check.

Please note – we also have 4 free places on our puppet workshops for people committed to volunteering for our events. Please let us know in your application if you would like to be considered for this alternative opportunity if not successful.