

## Handmade Parade Trainees

**Handmade Parade** is looking for **4 unpaid trainees** to come and immerse themselves in our work! This long-term training/volunteering opportunity spans both our signature events – **Hebden Bridge Handmade Parade** in June, and Todmorden **Lampighter** 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 volunteers who like the sort of thing we do and want to be part of it.

We are offering free training in our core skills – workshop leading, withy sculpture, papier mache sculpting puppet structures and lantern making to enable you to create your own beautiful parade art. Training will be approx.15 days. In exchange for this you will offer at least 30 volunteer days over the 3 main projects (dates below), during which time you will be involved in assisting with public parade art workshops and helping our team of lead artists in larger builds.

These activities will take place at Handmade Parade's workshop in Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire or at a workshop site in Todmorden.

Throughout the year there will also be other opportunities to get involved with our other Handmade Parade events with different communities. Details TBC

### Dates

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** (12 volunteer days – dates marked \* are required)

5 weeks during May/June

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** (10 volunteer days)

3 weeks during November including : workshops on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays; Event date TBC

**Parading the North Symposium, Todmorden** (3 days)

Date TBC

### **How to Apply**

Please send a copy of your CV and a cover letter outlining both your making and workshop volunteering experience. Please also include up to 3 images of work you have made, and list 2 referees. 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.