

TLC NEWSLETTER

TODMORDEN LEARNING
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COMMUNITY HUB
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Dear members and supporters, please come to our all day family fundraiser.

It's at the Golden Lion on September 16th from 11am until midnight .

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TLC Presents
ALL DAY family FUNDRAISER
Golden Lion September 16th 11am-00.00
Table Top Sale (book yours!) Then a fabulous mix of local talent...Out of the Box Threadbare Theatre
Amanda Fasciani Bare Bones Attic Dogs Cosmic Slop
 Table Top Sale, Musicians & DJ's 

TABLE-TOP-SALE-@-The-Golden-Lion
Saturday-16th-September-11am-4pm-
ONLY-A-FIVER!-£5-for-a-table-Come-and-book-yours!

SEPTEMBER 16TH 11AM-MIDNIGHT @ THE GOLDEN LION

PUBLIC MEETING

For our next public meeting, we're venturing over the border

The Egg Factory,

Hebden Bridge.

Tuesday 12th September

7pm – 9pm

(<https://www.theeggfactory.co>)



Please come armed with questions and a willingness to

get stuck in. By then we'll have less than two months to present our amazing business plan to Calderdale Council. So why would the council back us over Aldi? Well, we believe we're not only offering a far greater service to the community, we're also offering a plan that is both sound and financially viable.

Small towns need a raison d'être to draw in the visitors.

Todmorden is not on the regular tourist trail like

Haworth or Hebden Bridge but has its own history, it's own

uniqueness that we want to encourage and enhance rather than just let it become another bland town full of supermarkets and multi national chains.

Todmorden is a historic market town, has a great textile history and many engineering works.

In recent years, it's become world famous thanks to

Incredible Edible. We want to build on that on that green,

sustainable vision and create a centre that's a thriving

community hub and innovative training centre, a place where

BECOME A FOUNDER MEMBER

Founder Membership costs just £10 and as well as receiving one of our amazing bags with our amazing logo, you'll get the right to vote in important decisions and vote for board members.

Give GiftAid Pledges from £100- £10,000 a year and we'll make you a Super Member



the old community hall is fully restored, where there's a warm and friendly community café, and an enhanced Children's Centre.

Along side this we will build on the Adult Education facilities as well as the current courses in Basic English & Maths, we'll expand by adding Family Learning, ESOL etc And by taking up the £10,000 Community Adult Learners' fund, we'll be able widen our scope even further by offering short courses and taster days in courses such as First Aid, Food Hygiene, Ceramics, Languages and other subjects, meeting the requirements of the local community.

Sustainability lies at the heart of our vision. Courses offered by The School of Natural Building are attended by students all over Europe. The Northern 8 group of universities are offering their support because they've been so inspired by I.E. They, in particular Lancaster and Durham University would like to offer their support as a research body with the help of a grant of £24,000. They see Todmorden as a central hub, a place where academics from these 8 Universities can meet, hold conferences and have deeper conversations.

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Apprenticeships are becoming recognised again. At TLC we hope to offer apprenticeships in Hairdressing, Sound Engineering, Retail, Building, Plastering, Joinery etc.

TLC Synopsis-

Existing & Continuing:

- 1) Children's Centre & Youth Services
- 2) Adult Education
- 3) Healthy Minds
- 4) Social Services – not confirmed
- 5) ELM Academy -

E.L.M Academy is a dynamic, innovative, vocational training organisation that specialises in delivering high quality apprenticeships in the hairdressing and barbering sector.

The space will be used to provide both the theory and



practical teaching of Hairdressing and Barbering, and we have further plans to

open as a commercial salon operating from the space. www.elm-academy.co.uk

Potential New Tenants

1) Artists' Collective- a proposal is being put together by local artists for gallery space and volunteer receptionists, as well as art studio space and a range of workshops.

2) School of Natural Building with our very own Barbara Jones, Principal. The SnAB is a



not-for-profit Community Benefit Society that runs practical courses in lime and clay plastering, strawbale building, low-impact foundations, and carpentry, and theoretical courses to support self-builders, community groups, architects and designers who are new to natural building.

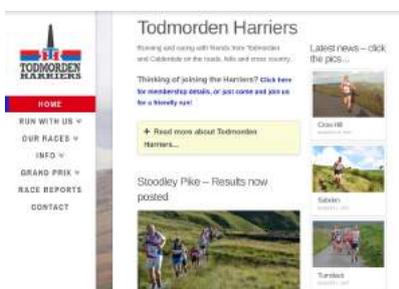
We are looking for premises from which to expand our range of natural building courses, at

present run on building sites all over the country, and to develop our partnerships - the College would be ideal.

As well as high quality training courses in natural building skills, we offer progression for students into work and self-employment. We hope to use the College to set up a social enterprise that can build much needed extra space for homeowners and businesses via garden studios, offices and extensions, whilst at the same time training up local people with skills necessary for the 21st century. We would also like to expand our range of courses to include basic DIY courses, and special courses to renovate local homes using appropriate materials, improve energy efficiency, teach how to avoid damp in buildings and how to deal with flooding. We hope to partner with other organisations like the Princes Foundation, English Heritage and Calico to offer Heritage skills training in lime pointing, lime and clay plastering, and to use these skills to renovate, for example, the Town Hall, if CMBC are successful in their Heritage Lottery bid. We have recently received a share of 6.3 million Euros from Interreg funding to help build a Visitor Centre in Hastings, and www.socit.org.uk

run educational seminars about natural building for professionals involved in construction, some of which would be held at TLC

3) Todmorden Harriers are one of many community groups that want to use the gym.



4) Northern 8 Universities.



A conglomerate of northern universities, N8 Research Partnership is focused on developing two Research Themes; AgriFood and Urban & Community Transformation. "The N8 Research Partnership has been taking collaborations forward that involve multiple disciplines, multiple institutions, the public and voluntary sectors, and

businesses – with the aim of building “Innovation Communities”. N8 already is running projects in which real world issues can be identified by together with a range of society partners, leading to collaborative research to deliver societal benefit.”

<http://www.n8research.org.uk>
Durham Uni and Lancaster Uni are particularly interested and see Todmorden as a central hub. Dr Campbell, Durham University lives here in Todmorden and Dr Katerina Psarikidou from Lancaster is a passionate advocate about what we could achieve in our community.

5) Andy Sloman Camies and Lou Wowski run a Community Interest Company; Creative Arts Mental Health Alliance.



Check them out on Facebook. The hall at TLC would be a perfect venue for them not least because it's one of the few places in Todmorden with disabled access. They also intend to run a bar so that would be nice!

6) Calico



Through their construction Academy with Ringstones, they act as an Apprentice provider for local people into manual skills. They renovate properties and are interested in using natural building techniques because of their health benefits. They would like to explore a possible training collaboration with School of Natural Building. Calico are also actively looking for a venue for a new venture to provide training, skills and progression into shop based work, specifically to provide wholefoods and local produce. They have identified Todmorden as the ideal venue because of Incredible Edible Todmorden and Incredible Farm but they absolutely don't want to upset any local independent traders. Instead they would like to form partnerships.

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7) Project Colt

Project Colt, based in Elland, aims to enable people suffering



with addictions to get back into employment by way of a second hand household items shop. Todmorden resident, Paul Branigan, who began the social enterprise back in 2014 would like a shop in TLC.

Founder Members

About sixty people have now signed up to become founder members. It costs £10 but some people have pledged £200. Starting a new business like this does come with costs; from admin fees to room hire to publicity and that's just the beginning.

Our board of eight directors must be voted in by the members, ie, you. And we hope to build a strong skill set (everyone has a skill) of members so we can ensure we use a local skill base wherever possible.

To become a member, email us at savetodcollege@gmail.com and answer the questions on the

following form and then pay directly into our Co-operative

TODMORDEN LEARNING CENTRE & COMMUNITY HUB	
Founder Member:	
Name	
Address	
Email Contact	
Phone Number	
Skills Offered to help get the college up and running	
What would you like to use the College for?	

Bank Account

Sort Code : 089299

Account No : 65837360

You can also become a member at one of the following shops in Tod:

EcoGizmos

Water Street Gallery

Luna Luna

Ecoheat

Lyle's Bookshop

If you'd like to be an outlet for us, please contact us at savetodcollege@gmail.com

