



**HANDMADE
PRODUCTIONS**

JOIN THE BOARD HANDMADE PRODUCTIONS CIC

**HELP SHAPE OUR NEXT CHAPTER AS WE BECOME A CHARITY
APRIL 2026**

[HANDMADEPRODUCTIONS.ORG.UK](https://handmadeproductions.org.uk)

Handmade Productions creates extraordinary large-scale parades, lantern festivals, installations, costumes, puppetry and outdoor arts experiences that bring communities together.

From our home in West Yorkshire, we've engaged over 1.5 million people through joyful, inclusive and ambitious creative work.

As we move towards charity status, we're looking for new Board members to help shape our next chapter.

WHAT WE DO

Our work includes:

- © The Hebden Bridge Handmade Parade, a flagship event with a strong narrative and national reputation
- © Collaborative projects with communities, artists and volunteers
- © Commissions across the UK with partners including local authorities, cultural organisations and events

We've worked with organisations such as Walk the Plank, Cirque Bijou and Global Grooves, and our work has been featured in national press including The Guardian, The Times and The Yorkshire Post.

At the heart of everything we do is a belief in:

- © Creativity as a tool for connection
- © Participation as a pathway to confidence and wellbeing
- © Art as something everyone can be part of



IMPACT REPORT 2025

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17
TOTAL EVENTS
ACROSS THE UK

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

- 19 DAYS OF GIANT PUPPET MASTERCLASSES
- 6 CREATIVE INTERNSHIPS
- 2 STILTWALKING COURSES WITH YOUNG PEOPLE
- 1 DISABLED ARTIST MENTORSHIP

ENGAGEMENT

TOTAL PEOPLE ENGAGED **108,954**

Creative Practitioners	311
Active Participants	2,617
Live Audiences / Visitors	105,235
Digital Audiences	600
Volunteers	191

TOTAL SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

353,824

CREATIVE

- 21 GIANT ARTWORKS
- 9 ILLUMINATED COSTUMES
- 15 STILT PERFORMER COSTUMES
- 11 DANCER COSTUMES

WORKSHOPS

- 138 TOTAL WORKSHOPS DELIVERED IN
- 10 TOWNS AND CITIES ACROSS THE UK
- 8 MASTERCLASSES

71 PARTNERS



97%
Positive audience
experience

1,796 WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS



AN EXCITING TIME OF GROWTH

This is a chance to play a meaningful role in an organisation that:

- Ⓞ Sparks creativity and confidence
- Ⓞ Brings communities together
- Ⓞ Creates unforgettable shared experiences
- Ⓞ Supports artists, volunteers and young people

We are:

- Ⓞ Transitioning from a Community Interest Company to a registered charity
- Ⓞ Expanding our programme of commissions and large-scale events, including winter and lantern-based work
- Ⓞ Growing our reach beyond Calderdale to work across the UK
- Ⓞ Strengthening our organisational resilience and long-term sustainability

To support this next phase, we're looking to expand and diversify our Board – bringing in new skills, perspectives and networks.



WHAT'S INVOLVED

As a Board member, you'll play an active role in shaping the organisation's future. This includes:

- ⊙ Attending hybrid quarterly Board meetings (weekday evenings)
- ⊙ Contributing to strategy, planning and decision-making
- ⊙ Supporting and constructively challenging the senior team
- ⊙ Acting as an ambassador for Handmade Productions

WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We're interested in people who can bring experience in one or more of the following areas:

- **Business Development**
- **Finance**
- **HR**
- **Fundraising**

We are committed to building a diverse and representative board.

We particularly encourage applications from:

- ⊙ People from underrepresented communities
- ⊙ Young people (18–25)
- ⊙ People who haven't previously held Board roles
- ⊙ Those with lived experience that reflects the communities we work with

No previous Board experience is required—we'll support you in the role.

WHY JOIN US

Being part of Handmade Productions offers:

- ⊙ The chance to contribute to a high-impact, nationally recognised arts organisation
- ⊙ Experience of governance during an exciting charity transition
- ⊙ Opportunities to connect with artists, communities and cultural partners
- ⊙ A creative, welcoming and collaborative environment
- ⊙ The opportunity to make a tangible difference to people's lives through the arts

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a short expression of interest and CV to Clare Danon (Director and Executive Producer) at clare@handmadeproductions.org.uk

Applications are on a rolling basis with the first interviews taking place in May.

We're happy to offer informal conversations before applying – please get in touch if you'd like to learn more.

