



Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival 2026

Friday 17 - Sunday 19 July

January 2026

To: **Campaign Stall Applicants**

Please find below useful information about how you can apply for a Campaign Stall at the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival 2026.

We welcome applications from a wide variety of campaign groups.

The diversity of stalls adds to the enjoyment of the event and helps promote progressive causes, especially those with links to the trade union movement. The Festival has limited space and whilst all applications received by the deadline will be considered, we are unable to guarantee a stall. Priority is given to campaigns that are trade union backed and fall within the TUC's campaigning objectives.

The TUC South West reserves the right to refuse applications and its decision shall be final.

TUC Code of Conduct

The TUC is committed to organising activities at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment.

The TUC has zero tolerance for any type of harassment. This supports the commitment set out in the TUC's rules to promote equality for all and to eliminate all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment, prejudice and unfair discrimination. This code of conduct applies to all events both in person or online and includes all forms of communication.

Our full code of conduct can be read here:

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/2024-04/03-%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf>

How to apply

All applications must be made via the online form here:

[2026 Campaign Stall Application for Tolpuddle Festival – Fill in form](#)

You will be asked to provide key information about your stall and organisation/campaign.

Applicants will also be required to provide either on the application form or sent to southwest@tuc.org.uk

- Details of your Point of Contact throughout the weekend - **all stalls**
- Public Liability Insurance, if applicable - **all stalls**
- Employers Liability Insurance, if applicable - **all stalls**
- General Risk Assessment – **outside stalls only** (including, where applicable, weather risks such as high winds, heavy rains, etc)
- Detailed information about your temporary structure(s) (see below) - **outside stalls only**

The closing date for applications is **31 March 2026**, after which all applications will be considered. All applicants will be informed on whether they have been successful or not during April 2026.

Stall options, fees and further information

All campaign stalls must be located either inside the Martyrs' Marquee or positioned (as directed by organisers) outside of the Marquee. No other location is allowed.

Only once you have received a confirmation email from us that you have been successful will you be asked to make payment. Within this confirmation email, there will be instructions detailing how to pay for your stall, deadlines for payment (30 April 2026), as well as how you can add and pay for additional tickets and passes (e.g. tent/campervan pass, additional entrance wristbands and parking passes). Please note the stall fee does not include camping passes so these must be purchased in addition, if staff are to remain on site overnight.

Cancellations for your stall must be made no later than end of May 2026 where you will be entitled to a full refund less an administration fee of £5.00.

If you have not attended with a stall before and would like further information please don't hesitate to contact the office on 0117 9470521 or southwest@tuc.org.uk

Stall options:

Campaign stall options are as follows:

INSIDE the Martyrs Marquee: £130 + Booking Fee £4.00 (paid via website or invoice)

(Saturday and Sunday only)

This includes:

- 1 x Adult Weekend Entry Wristband (worth £65)
- 1 x Vehicle Parking Pass (worth £15)
- 1x Trestle table (6ft long)
- 2 x Chairs

There is no wall space, electricity or secure storage inside the Martyrs' Marquee. Your stall must also be dismantled on Saturday evening because of the musical performances on the evening. You will be able to set up your stall again the following day. There will be no reserved tables/spaces it will be first come/first served basis, however the table you use on the Saturday we will do our best to ensure this same position is available on the Sunday.

We plan a full weekend's programme of poetry, speakers, debates and music inside the Martyrs' Marquee. Part of this involves a 'Campaigns Speak Out!' session on Saturday where each stall is invited to say a few words about your campaign and/or organisation through.

OUTSIDE the Martyrs' Marquee – along the main "street": £185 + Booking Fee £4.00 (paid via website or invoiced)

(Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

This includes:

- Pitch area (max. 3m x 3m footprint)
- 1 x Adult Weekend Entry Wristband (worth £65)
- 1 x Vehicle Parking Pass (worth £15)
- 1 x Trestle Table (6ft long)
- 2 x Chairs

There are a limited number of spaces outside the Martyrs marquee. Stall space can be set up for the whole weekend from either Friday or Saturday but must be staffed on both Saturday and Sunday.

Generators are not allowed (inside or outside the marquee) and electricity will not be provided to stalls.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Camping

Please note both types of stalls does not include camping pass(es), so these must be purchased via the website (or added to your invoice), if staff are to remain on site overnight. Camping on site is only available, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The site is closed beyond these days.

Tent pass - £35

Campervan/Tent Box pass - £84

Storage/Electricity/Equipment

We cannot provide secure storage facilities so you must be responsible for all your equipment/stock during the weekend. We do however have security on site over the festival weekend from 17.00 on Thursday evening until 10.00 Monday morning.

Placards, Merchandise and Greening our Festival

No placards or advertising materials are to be placed around the site other than at your own stall.

We will not accept stalls including materials that are designed to cause offense, are racist or anti-Semitic. This also includes gender-specific goods such as 'toys for boys and toys for girls'. If in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We continue to make considerable efforts to improve the festival's sustainability. All stall holders and organisations play a key part in getting us there.

Around the site you will find recycling bins; please use them and deposit relevant items in the correct bins.

We are determined to reduce the quality and quantity of plastic at the festival and urge all stall-holders to consider the nature of any packaging materials, merchandise and giveaway items you bring.

Over the past few years cash has become less popular and a vast majority of people are now paying by card. We are asking that all of our traders have the facility to take card payment. Wifi is not provided so come prepared.

Vehicle Access to the Marquee

Upon arrival you will be asked to park up within the stall parking area and there will be wheelbarrows/trolleys to unload and take your merchandise up to the Martyrs Marquee. If you have very bulky/heavy stock then it will be up to the discretion of the car park lead on whether your vehicle will be allowed to the edge of the Marquee with a steward to unload only.

Temporary structures (Outside Campaign Stalls ONLY)

If you are bringing a temporary structure on site as part of your stall (whether this is a tent, gazebo, marquee, or other similar item), you must tell us about this in your application.

You must tell us detailed information including:

- Your temporary structure must not be any bigger than 3m x 3m
- Wind loading speed (this is usually available in the instruction manual, or if relevant, from your supplier or contractor)
- How you will secure this to the ground (and who will do this). Please note our crew are very busy and often unable to help put up stalls
- Point of contact for your organisation/union during the weekend

We will carry out checks throughout the festival period to ensure that temporary structures appear safe and well-anchored. We also reserve the right to ask you to remove this structure if you have failed to gain our permission or we deem it unsafe.

Neither the TUC nor Festival organisers will be liable for any damage incurred or injury caused should your temporary structure collapse, is poorly erected and/or maintained. We reserve the right to ask you to move, alter or, where absolutely necessary, take down your temporary structure. We will do all we can to make sure you, your staff and festival guests are kept safe.

This applies during the duration of the festival as well as the set-up and de-rig periods.

In the past our volunteers and crew have helped organisations erect their tents; where possible, this may still occur but it is important that you and/or your organisation are fully prepared to erect your structure without our help. It is therefore important that the individual(s) responsible for putting up and taking down your temporary structures know what they are doing. Any support given by volunteers or festival crew will not deem the festival or its organisers liable for any damage or harm that may occur in whatever eventuality.

Kind regards,



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Regional Secretary and Tolpuddle Festival Organiser

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