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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Young Market Traders Competition and 10-Year Celebration**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May sees the 10-year anniversary of Leighton-Linslade Town Council running the market and a fun day of activities is planned.

Celebrate Leighton Buzzard market with us by joining in community-run art and music workshops. Learn about its rich history with Bedfordshire archives, make a free pizza wrap for lunch, enjoy activities for kids and see art by local schoolchildren predicting how the future of the market might look!

The day will also see the first Leighton Buzzard Market Young Traders Competition, part of the National Young Trader of the Year campaign run by the National Market Traders Federation ([NMTF](#)) to support the market traders of the future. Open to all young business owners aged 16 – 30, the winner of the local heat will go forward to the regional final in July then hopefully onto the national final, the winner of which will receive £500 cash, the prestigious trophy and a mobile credit card terminal from sponsors Multipay. Any young person interested in applying should get in touch with the markets team at Leighton Linslade Town Council, by emailing: [markets@leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk](mailto:markets@leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk)

The day of activities, in addition to the usual Tuesday Charter Market and Young Traders Competition, will include special guests and coincides with the national campaign to Love Your Local Market, run by the National Association of British Market Authorities ([NABMA](#)). This has been extended this year to three weeks, as markets join in the national celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and will run from Friday 13th May to Sunday 5th June 2022.

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