

## **Education Update**





Numbers we've engaged with (excluding FGFT and Try

The Train) Apr - June 2024

Age	Amount
Eary Years and Primary School	2618
KS3 (11-14)	425
KS4/GCSE (14-16)	42
KS5/Post 16	49
18+	459



Male Female 1676 1915 3593 in total

28.5% of pupils FSM

27% of participants EAL



#### **Accrington EcoFest**



Stations of Welcome



# NW School Sustainability Conference



For the 3rd year in a row, CRL took part in THE PROSPECTS FOUNDATION Accrington EcoFest' on Saturday 8th June 2024 which took place in Accrington Town Centre.

Stations of Welcome, visit s
Silverdale to learn about
woodland conservation.
During their visit the group
tried their hand at sawing
and splitting wood as well as
some willow weaving.

CRL had a stall at the NW School Sustainability Conference which took place at Ewood Park. We promoted the work we do at the Eco Station and discussed how sustainable rail travel is. Try The Train is has been awarded more funding for 24/25. We have currently got 3 groups running in Leeds and Bradford who have visited York, Bradford, Glasshoughton, Skipton and Manchester. Another group will be starting in the next quarter based in Knaresborough. CRPs and areas across the network have been contacted to take part in TTT this year and Catherine will be working with them to get the project running in their areas. These include Yorkshire Coast, Cumbria, Bishop Line, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

So far in 24/25 there have been 7 workshops and 4 rail experiences, involving 33 participants. 1 group has finished and all participants showed an increase in confidence in all areas they assessed themselves against.







**TrainEd** 

### Feel Good Field Trips

Feel Good Field Trips was launched in March 2022 by Avanti West Coast and aims to provide thousands of school children aged between 4-18 with the chance to go on free, enriching and educational days out across the West Coast Mainline during 2023/2024. The project is managed by Dave Savage.

The vast majority of schools involved in this project are from disadvantaged areas. Most of the pupils receive free school meals. Many will have never had the opportunity to go on such a special field trip - some won't have even been on a train before.

Feel Good Field Trip facts January 2023 – 11th July 2024

4150 students been on a Feel Good Field Trip

712 staff to support the students

168 trips at 50 different venues

355 Avanti West Coast train journeys

26000 miles covered on the WCML









#### **West Lancashire**

There have been 2 Feel Good Field Trips to Blackpool. Children went to watch a show at the circus, trip up Blackpool Tower, lunch at Harry Ramsdens and a chance to go on the beach.

Three schools in Blackpool - Anchorsholme Academy, Merseside Academy and Westcliffe Primary have been out on a Feel Good Field Trip.

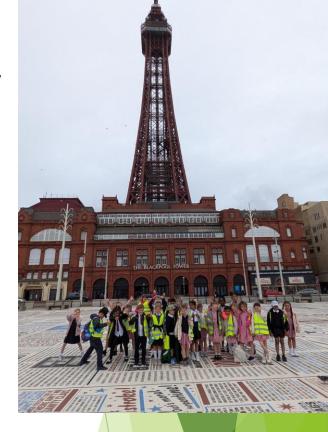
Our recent school trip to Blackpool was a fantastic experience. The trip gave our 30 pupils unique experiences they wouldn't have had otherwise. Notably, 16 pupils went on a train for the first time, 19 visited Blackpool for the first time, and 4 experienced a beach for the first time. Highlights included a delicious lunch at Harry Ramsden's, an engaging circus performance, and visits to Blackpool Tower Eye and the 4D cinema. Thank you Avanti and David for such a memorable day for our pupils.

Y3 class teacher – St Joseph's School

On 94% of the trips there was at least one student experience travelling on a train for the first time

#### Award winning project

Feel Good Field Trips won an award at the Community Rail Awards in Swansea. The project was also shortlisted for an award at The Spotlight Rail Awards.



Rate your Feel Good Field Trip experience? 94% gave their field trip a score of 10/10





### Community Rail Week - Eco Station Open Day

Approx 80 students visited the station on Thursday 23rd May

During the morning session, students participated in several hands-on and educational activities. In collaboration with the local environmental charity Prospects Foundation, children made seed bombs, learning about sustainable practices and environmental conservation. Additionally, students produced artwork centred around the theme of 'Green Travel', fostering awareness of eco-friendly transportation options.



### Northern Education Network

Date	Location	Theme
July 9th	Carnforth	Introduction To project
September	Leeds	TBC
January	Manchester	TBC
April	Sheffield	TBC





### Support for other Northern CRPs

The team at TrainEd are committed to supporting neighbouring CRPs with their Education and Youth Engagement. TrainEd will begin delivering a quarterly in-person meeting and visit other CRPs to see how they can help them develop their offer for young people.



## Looking ahead



- Commencement of Support programme for other CRPs
- Continue with TTT and FGFT projects
- Planning for Rail 200 projects
- Northern Community Rail Conference - 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- Lancashire Youth Climate Conference, 30 Oct 2024 -Blackpool Sixth Form College

