

Education Report
Quarter 3
July - September 2024



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CRL Education Support for other CRPs

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CRP Visited	Highlights	Support
Yorkshire Coast	Traxplorer, Platforms for Change, Rail Safety Quiz	Info pack for schools, TTT,
S and C	Platforms for Change, Arlo Books, Traxplorer Development	STEM lab access and activities, Activity pack for train users, TTT
Calder Valley		
Mid Cheshire		
SE Manc		
Crewe to Man		
North Cheshire		



CRL Education In-Person meetings

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	Carnforth - 9th July	Leeds - 12th September
Numbers	15 (CRPs, Northern, Friends of Station adopters, Coppice Coop)	15 (CRPs, Northern)
Content	Introduction to the support available, resources we can share, brief intro to Try The Train, ideas for future meetings	Technology - VR Headsets and tablets, Northern App, Accessible simulator
Actions	Ideas for future meetings - <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Technology we can use to support our communities to use the trains.- Support for trips eg risk assessment, rail safety talks.- Try The Train - What it involves?	Railway 200 ideas





Stations of Welcome

Accrington's Station Adoption group, Stations of Welcome, has had a busy few weeks. As well as the woodland project they are taking part in at Silverdale to learn about woodland conservation, the group has been approached by BBC News, The Lancashire Telegraph and Lancashire Life Magazine as well as RailWatch Magazine!

Stations of Welcome is a group of South Asian heritage, Muslim women who came together post the Covid pandemic to support each other and improve their mental and physical health. They meet at Accrington Station and then became interested in looking after the station's planters and garden. They have helped with many community rail projects over the last two years and gained confidence when travelling by train. They have since adopted Accrington Station and look after the garden and planters on the platforms on a weekly basis.

This summer period saw a lot of negativity towards minority communities. Unfortunately, the riots and protests made many people feel unsafe and unwelcome. Despite the negativity, Stations of Welcome continued their positive work at the station and were recognised as a unique Station Adoption group. The recognition has boosted the confidence of the team and helped them to encourage more members to join the group.

To read about the group click on the links

<https://www.lancashiretelegraph.co.uk/news/24556682.accrington-railway-station-boasts-care-group-women/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c0jp2jdvw6qo>

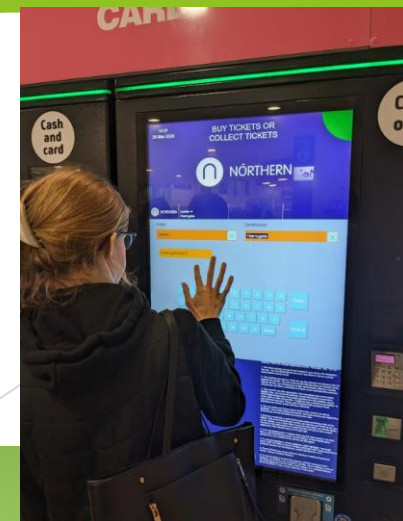


Try The Train is has been awarded more funding for 2024/25. The project is expanding across the Northern network with CRPs being trained up to deliver the programme for CRL. It is likely that over 40 groups will be involved in Try The Train with the current funding.



Current CRPs involved	CRPs contacted to be involved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CRL - Yorkshire and Lancashire Including a line specific project on the West of Lancs line - Bishop Line - SYMCA 	<p>Interested and looking for groups and/or facilitators:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yorkshire Coast - Esk Valley - Penistone Line - North Notts and Lincs - Settle & Carlisle <p>Discussions still to be had end of September and October with Crewe to Manchester/Mid Cheshire, Cumbria and Tyne Valley</p>

Number of group completed	8
Number of groups currently running	4
Number of groups booked in for TTT	17



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 – 16th July 2024

4220 students been on a Feel Good Field Trip

722 staff to support the students

170 trips at **52** different venues

355 Avanti West Coast train journeys

25000 miles covered on the WCML




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Collaboration with Accrington College

Over the past year, Community Rail Lancashire has collaborated with Accrington & Rossendale College to support their Level 2 NVQ Railway Maintenance Course. This 8-week program equips learners with essential knowledge and skills to work safely and effectively on rail tracks. As part of the course, each cohort visits Accrington Eco Station, where they learn about Community Rail's initiatives and what makes Accrington an 'eco' station.

In August The Rail Maintenance students from Accrington & Rossendale College have also teamed up with the Accrington station adopter group to work on the community garden. The students also were taken on a visit to Newton Heath Depot organised by Community Rail Lancashire.



Looking ahead to Q4



KEY ACTIVITIES:

Continuing to meet Northern CRPs to discuss their education and youth engagement projects and any support they need

Organising meetings of the Northern Education Network

Continuing to develop and expand the TTT project

Working in Southport to support the schools affected by the tragic murders and riots.

Starting the 'Travel with Confidence' project funded by Motability

Attending the CRN/DFT and Northern Community Rail Conferences

Reviewing the Activity Plan for 2025

Announcement of the shortlist for the Community Rail Awards



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