



Community Rail Week 19th to 25th May 2025 Programme of events

Monday 19th May 2025

Seat-y of culture - CRL will be represented at LNER's new Bradford Forster Square train launch. Karen Bennett will also be singing with the Bantam of the Opera choir who will entertain guests as they travel down to Doncaster. In addition, a new project will be launched to commemorate Bradford 2025 city of culture and Railway 200. Seat-y of culture will see young people across the Bradford district design a new moquette for an LNER 225 carriage.

Accrington Station Open Day for local schools – led by the CRL Education Team and supported by Prospects Foundation and Northern Railway.

Tuesday 20th May 2025

'We Will Sing' part of Bradford City of Culture 2025 – Salts Mill, Saltaire, Catherine Kingdom to arrange school group to take part? <https://bradford2025.co.uk/event/we-will-sing/>

World Bee Day a 2 hour session in the CRL Bunker at Accrington station - led by CRL's bee keeper.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/bee-day>

Wednesday 21st May 2025

Leeds Rail Station Safety Week: CRL to join with Network Rail for the day.

Launch of the Forest of Bowland National Landscapes EcoEscapes Itineraries at Whalley station 10:00 – led by Mike Cliffe, Chair East Lancashire & Clitheroe Line CRPs and representatives from CRL and the Forest of Bowland National Landscape.

Z's Academy Senior Asian Ladies Group walking from Lytham Station to St. Annes via the coast path.

Gare du Nord Theatre Group performance at Accrington Station. Special performance arranged by Dave Savage from CRL. The production is based around Railway 200 see: <https://garetheatre.com/current-productions-2/> and is by invitation only.

Thursday 22nd May 2025

Mini Boutique Bazaar at Accrington railway station, see poster below. Event aimed at refugee groups in East Lancashire to come to the Bunker to view and purchase clothes at very low prices. All money raised will go to support a local charity. 11:00 to 15:00



CRW at Manchester Piccadilly station - CRL will have a stand at Manchester Piccadilly in association with Martin Mere Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust. Event arranged by Network Rail and along with CRL will be volunteers from Martin Mere.

Friday 23rd May 2025

Unveiling of the 'Chatty Bench' at St Annes-on-the-Sea station – led by Tony Ford, Chair of the South Fylde Line Community Rail Partnership and Chair of the Friends of Station Group.

Saturday 24th May 2025

Two groups travelling on the **Yorkshire Dales Explorer** led by CRL staff members.

CRL joining **Wakefield Kirkgate Station adoption group "Longboat"** travelling to London on Grand Central. CRL will be running a workshop on LGBTQ+ stories following on from 200 stories of railway pride.