

# Education Update Quarter 2 April- June 2025



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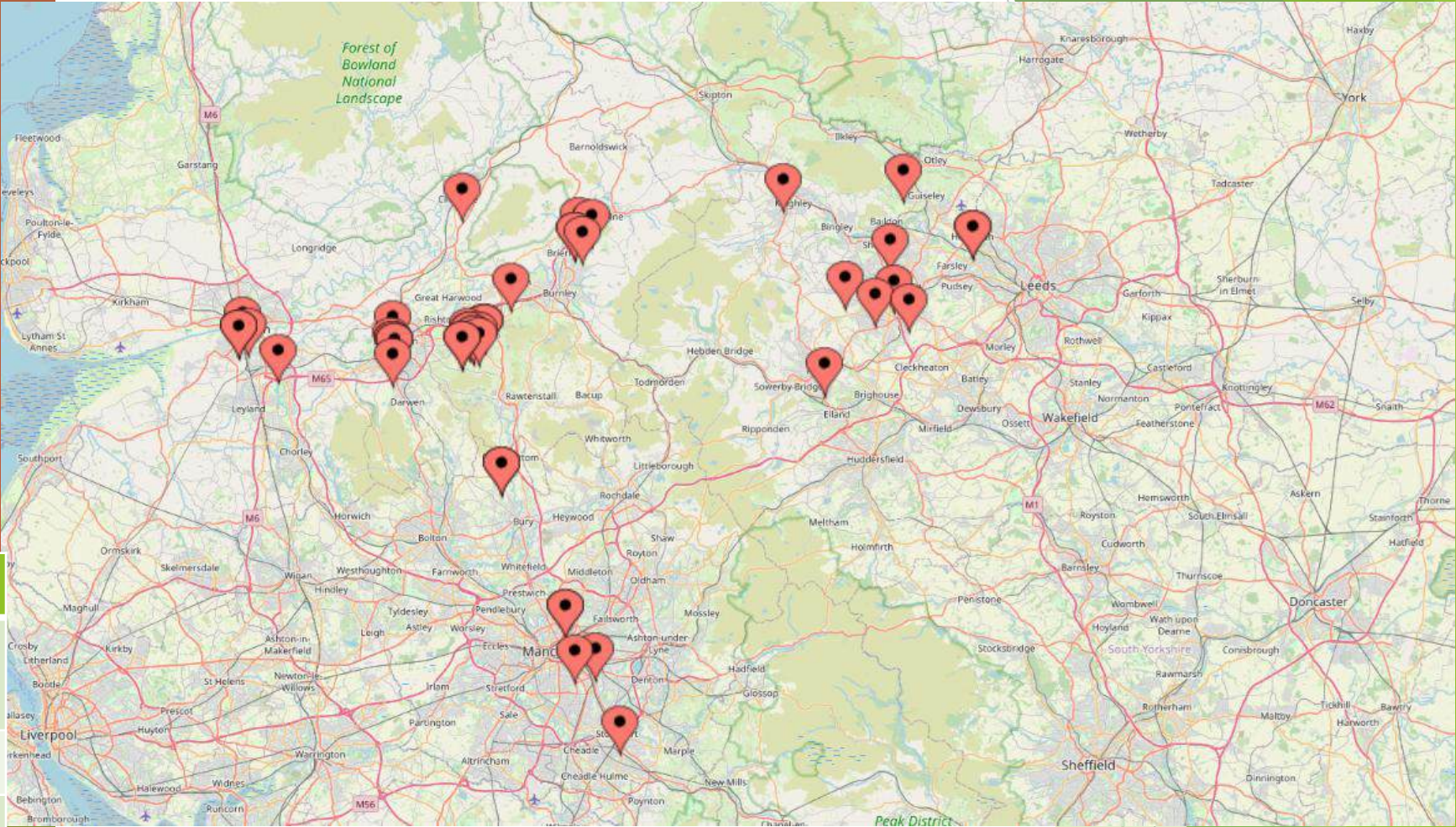
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# Where we've been

- Excluding
- Feel Good Futures
  - Try The Train
  - Travelling with Confidence

Age	Amount
Early Years (4 and under)	74
KS1 (5-7)	556
KS2 (7-11)	1612
KS3 (11-14)	1049
KS4/GCSE (14-16)	68
KS5/Post 16	189
18+	366





# Inclusion and Accessibility

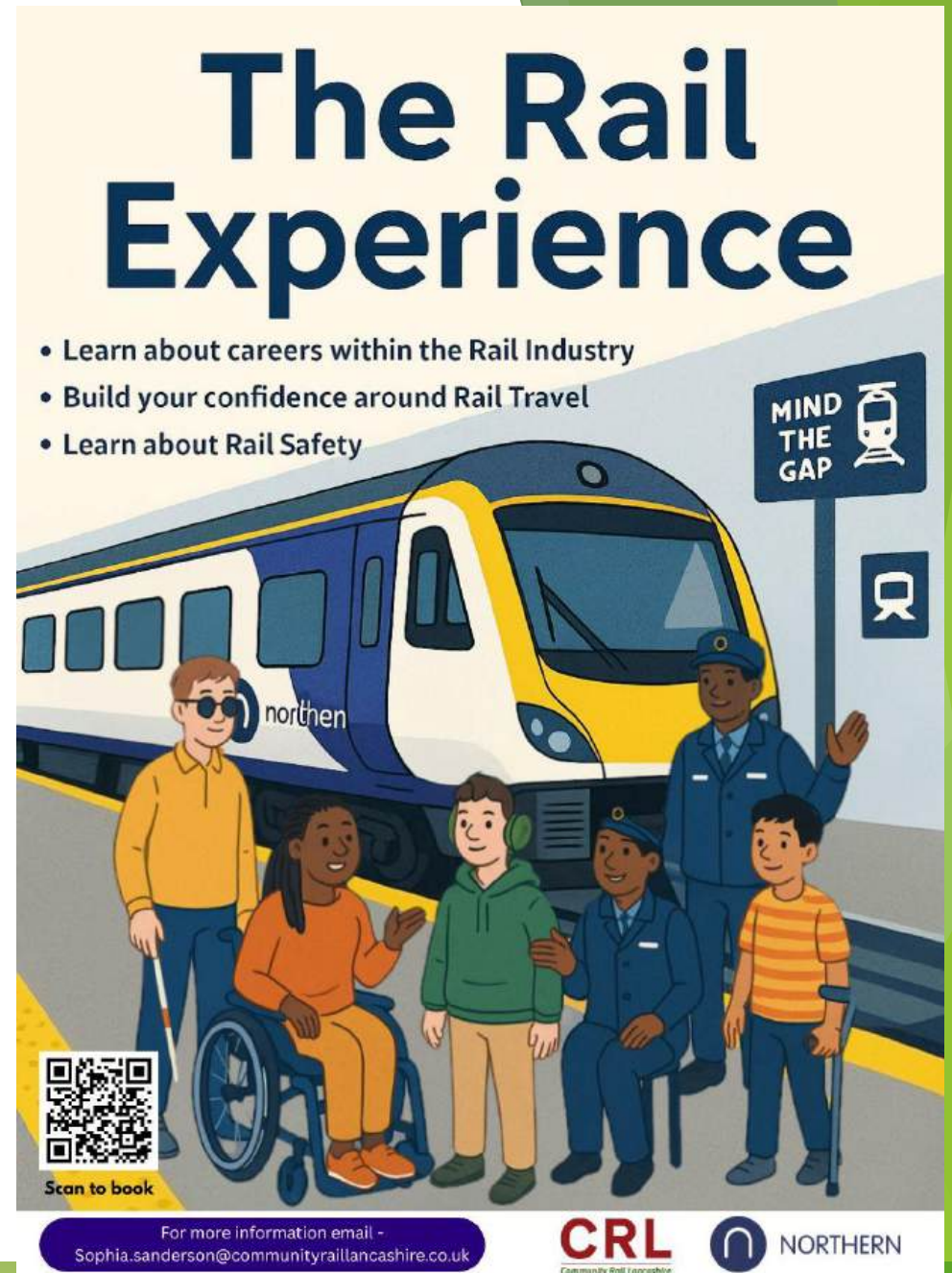
- **Hidden Gems:** Supported Internship students and St Stephens Primary School worked with artist Gosha Gibek to create a new artwork for Preston Railway Station which is now up for all to see.
- **Disability Awareness Poster:** Burnley College student Eden has created a poster as part of their BTec course which is now on display at Burnley Manchester Road.
- **University of Lancashire partnership:** We have started a research project to explore travel habits and career barriers within in the rail industry with/for under-representative groups. The report will be launched as part of Railway 200 in November.
- **Thomas Pocklington Trust:** Our first trip out with a group of visually impaired and blind participants was a great success and further plans are in place to do more as well as an art project.
- **Deaf Coffee Morning:** We continue to host a monthly coffee morning at Accrington Station for a group of 20 Deaf people over 55 years.





# SEND Education

- Developed a structure of delivery for SEND engagement (named: Rail Experience)
- Created the Rail Experience powerpoint, promotional flyer, expression of interest and feedback forms
- Started to develop a database of relevant SEND contacts
- Connected with 3 x SEND groups: Bridge College, Austick, Pendle View Primary School in order to deliver Rail Experience project and share potential opportunity to take part in staff-based focus group
- Delivered workshop to Bridge College SEND group
- Delivered full Rail Experience project (workshop + trip) to Austick group
- Attended the National Neurodiversity Show in Liverpool and National Autism Society Conference





## Hyndburn Business Awards

Dave and Shahiesta represented CRL at the Hyndburn Business Awards where they picked up the prize for “Best Not for Profit Business”. Entrants were asked to demonstrate the positive impact of their activities on the community; strong community engagement and effective balanced leadership.





## 200 Stories of Railway Pride Launch

On Saturday 7th June, Karen, Catherine and Sophia attended York Pride to hand out over 100 copies of the newly published book. They marched in the parade with other colleagues from the rail industry including: LNER, Northern, TPE, TRU and National Railway Museum. Participants from the project have been sent copies of the book and goody bags.



# Feel Good Futures

Feel Good Futures is aimed at students aged 14 to 18, providing access to unique learning experiences at venues along the WCML. Each trip has a focus on STEM and careers within the rail industry. Trips so far have included:

- Alstom visits in Glasgow and Edge Hill, Liverpool
- Four schools have had Inspire Engineering Days at London Transport Museum.
- School visits to the Inspiration Train at London Euston.





# Festivals /Conferences

**Lancashire Science Festival – 15th to 17th May,** Preston  
CRL took part in the Lancashire Science Festival, which welcomed around 10,000 visitors over three days. The event was open to school groups on Thursday and Friday, with Saturday open to the public. CRL engaged with attendees through interactive activities and resources promoting rail travel and environmental sustainability.

## **EcoFest – Accrington Town Centre**

CRL hosted a stall at EcoFest, held in Accrington town centre. The event attracted hundreds of visitors to our stand, where we shared information about the Eco Station and encouraged sustainable travel. Our leaflets featuring local walks accessible by train were especially popular among attendees.

## **North West Schools Sustainability Conference –**

CRL was represented by Dave at the NW Schools Sustainability Conference at Ewood Park, attended by hundreds of KS2 and KS3 students. The day included an engaging marketplace and a series of workshops focused on sustainability and climate action, providing a great opportunity to connect with young people and promote sustainable rail travel.





