



Press Release

Station Art Launched on the Furness Line

On Friday the 6th February, 2015, sponsors and students attended launches of new station art panels at Silverdale, Arnside and Ulverston. The first launches took place at Silverdale and Arnside stations with students from Lancaster & Morecambe College. In the afternoon, students and lecturers from Furness College in Barrow attended the launch at Ulverston station. The sponsors included local businesses, the Furness Line Community Rail Partnership and both of the train companies which operate services along the line.

This final phase of public art totals 16 new panels and can be seen at Silverdale, Arnside, Kents Bank, Cark and Ulverston stations. All have been designed by students from Furness College in Barrow and Lancaster & Morecambe College. During the last four years, 65 works of art have been sponsored and exhibited at stations along the Furness Line, including the stations at Carnforth and Barrow.

Tim Owen, chairman of the Furness Line CRP expressed his appreciation for all the work undertaken by the students and their lecturers plus the ongoing support of the sponsors. Jim Trotman, Community Rail Partnership Officer for the line added, "Once again, this scheme has provided students with the opportunity to have their works of art seen by tens of thousands of passengers".

Over the past four years, a similar scheme has also taken place on the Lakes Line between Oxenholme and Windermere and that has resulted in 47 works of art being displayed at those stations. This makes a grand total of 112 works of art that both brighten up the stations and encourage passengers to visit the businesses of some of the sponsors.

Ends.

Pictures of the art launches and individual panels appear on the News and Gallery pages of www.furnessline.co.uk

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