

# Destination Education



Waiting for the train at Blackburn



Mill Hill's colourful new bus shelter

## What is Community Rail Lancashire?

Community Rail Lancashire (CRL) is an organisation that works with the community, schools and railway to promote sustainable rail travel on rural lines.

We focus on sustainable, green travel, rail safety, increased rail usage, high-quality station improvements for the benefit of the community and assisting adoption groups at stations.

## Why do we have an education programme?

Education work and projects is a key priority for CRL.

Through education, we inspire the passengers of the future through creative, curriculum linked activities, independent learning and engaging in rail learning journeys. We are based at our pioneering eco-station at Accrington, where we have a purpose-built classroom. We are also developing outreach sites at Burnley Manchester Road and Preston railway stations.

## What is our education programme?

The education programme encompasses these key areas;

- Rail safety
- Practical railway and train use; buying a ticket, reading a timetable etc.
- Railway careers
- Railway history
- Station maintenance
- Station artwork
- Station and rail location
- Significant railway figures
- Adopt a train
- Curriculum links

**Curriculum links** are also vital for the work we do, to ensure that projects and visits are beneficial not only to us, but to the teachers and schools involved. We produce a tailored set of curriculum objectives to be addressed through our work for every school.

## The benefits to our schools

There are a number of practical benefits to working with CRL, including;

- Production of high-quality work
- Assessment opportunities for a range of curriculum objectives
- Enhanced rail usage and safety knowledge for all children
- Increased local knowledge and a sense of area pride and ownership for children
- Opportunities to be engaged in station projects



A wonderful class train journey



A high-quality classroom display



Accrington Eco-Station

# Projects

Working collaboratively with schools and other groups we have produced a number of high-quality and enduring projects, all with valuable safety and curriculum links, including;

- Cherry Tree – A community-based project that raised the station’s profile within the local community and reduced vandalism. Children developed innovative artwork and timetables centred around the theme of a ‘song mine’.
- All Together Now – A diversity project that engaged multiple community groups in a creative, nature-inspired project. It improved the station environment for passengers and the community.
- Rose Grove Revived – This project was developed to successfully promote the newly-opened Todmorden Curve service to Manchester. The artwork produced was based on the theme of ‘Small Fry’ the stickleback. It won first prize in

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An eye-catching running-in board produced by children

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- the category of ‘Involving Young People’ at the ACoRP awards.
- My Mill Hill – Regeneration of a run-down urban station, focussing on rail safety within the community.
- Hands On Huncoat – An unique project working with a local village school and friends of station group, producing artwork accessible via interactive technology.



An engaging session at Accrington eco-station



Enjoying our lunch on board a 142!

