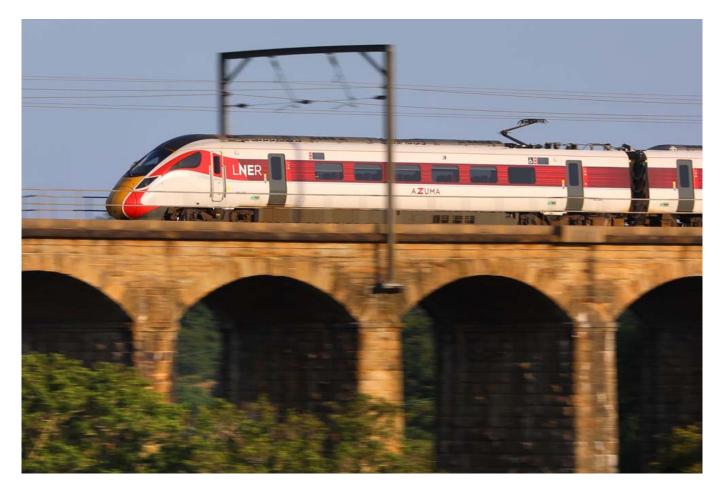
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LNER ready to inspire next generation once again

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London North Eastern Railway (LNER) is preparing to inspire a new generation of rail employees next month when it launches the second of its Tomorrow's Talent work experience programmes.

The Tomorrow's Talent programme showcases the wide range of opportunities available in the rail industry. Those taking part will complete several online modules on topics such as the increasing use of innovative technology and sustainability.

Those who wish to take part can sign up now.

The first Tomorrow's Talent took place in August 2021 and LNER said it had a positive impact on the attendees: 88% said they would recommend it to a friend. Crucially, the same students were asked how confident they felt about finding a job both before and after the programme; the result was a 35 per cent increase in students saying they were 'very confident'.

Hot on the heels of this success, LNER is once again inviting applications from young people aged between 14 and 18, in school years 10-13, along the East Coast route.

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David Horne, managing director at LNER, said: "Education and employability are important to LNER and the communities we serve, and we want to do all that we can to support the next generation in developing their skills, regardless of where their career takes them.

"Tomorrow's Talent provides young people with a great opportunity to engage and hear from experts in a wide range of different roles, equipping them with important knowledge and insight as they begin to think about their future career journey."

Delivered in partnership with Springpod, experts in inspiring young people about the world of work, Tomorrow's Talent focuses on improving eight essential skills: problem solving, creativity, listening, speaking, staying positive, aiming high, leadership and teamwork.

Sam Hyams, managing director of Springpod, said: "This work experience programme has already proven invaluable to young people considering a career in the world of transport. It is a great resource to help bridge the gap between education and employment whilst also up-skilling the next generation of diverse talent."

Tomorrow's Talent is part of LNER's Responsible Business Strategy. This is delivering record investment in supporting aspirations in East Coast route communities, with new projects set to benefit more than 11,000 children and young people during the next 16 months.

The application window for Tomorrow's Talent is open until 16 February 2022. Those interested in attending the programme are encouraged to click here, where they can find further information and submit their application.