

New Community Rail Officer for the Conwy Valley and North West Wales Coast Line

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Claire Williams has been appointed the new Community Rail Officer for the Conwy Valley and North West Wales Coast Community Rail Partnership.

As Community Rail Officer, Claire will engage with communities across the network from Llandudno to Blaenau Ffestiniog and Llandudno Junction to Holyhead. The role will connect people in North Wales to their railway, delivering social and economic benefits, with a focus on sustainable tourism and accessible travel for locals and visitors.

Excited about starting the new role, Claire Williams said: "By connecting and encouraging collaboration among businesses and organisations in local communities, we can empower those communities to work better together on a whole range of social, economic, cultural and environmental issues. I am very much looking forward to working with communities across the region.

"I have worked in the local community for many years, with the Llandudno Extravaganza. I am looking forward to bringing my experience in events, community engagement and working in collaboration with external organisations to the role."

Philip Evans, chair of the Community Rail Partnership added: “I am very pleased that Claire is joining the team. She has an excellent track record in events management locally and will certainly build on the work done by her predecessors.”

Transport for Wales is part funding the Conwy Valley and North West Wales Coast Community Rail Partnership to deliver its wider vision for community rail. The partnership is hosted by Creating Enterprise, a social enterprise committed to investing communities, volunteering and employment opportunities.

Head of Community Rail at Transport for Wales Hugh Evans said: “Delighted to welcome Claire into the Community Rail family. We know Community Rail can drive real change for the better across our network, helping make rail travel more accessible and inclusive, which in turn creates a real economic benefit and an opportunity, during these difficult times, to support the health and mental wellbeing of people in these communities. Claire has already made an impact with local events and working with school.”

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