

Siemens Mobility to improve rail safety education in schools across the UK

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Siemens Mobility has continued its drive to improve safety across the rail network by partnering with Rail Safe Friendly to educate young people on the dangers of trespassing on railways in order to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries.

By engaging with schools located near Siemens Mobility depots and projects, particularly those in disadvantaged areas, the company is committed to making a positive impact in the communities it serves.

The Rail Safe Friendly programme provides schools and the rail industry with an opportunity to work together to improve rail safety awareness among young people across the UK using content from Network Rail's Switched On Rail Safety website.

The programme was launched in 2023, following the tragic death of 11-year-old Harrison Ballantyne who received a fatal electric shock after climbing over a fence to retrieve his football at a train depot. Currently, over 4,000 schools in the UK are participating in the programme, with funding support from various industry partners within the rail sector.

Robert Evans, Health Safety and Environment Director for Siemens Mobility, said: “As an industry, there is more we can do towards promoting the safety of people on and around the railway. Education is key, especially for young people who may not fully grasp the potential dangers of trespassing on the rail network.

Supporting the communities in which we work is really important to us, and by joining forces with Rail Safe Friendly and supporting their impactful educational programme, we are taking active steps to empower the next generation with the knowledge and awareness required to travel safely on the rail network every day.”

Broadcasts are delivered through live or on demand content digitally into classrooms and assembly halls using the digital education provider Learn Live. The channel also has a moderated, GDPR compliant LIVE CHAT facility to promote interaction and involvement from the schools and colleges taking part in Rail Safe Friendly.

Stuart Heaton, Managing Director of Learn Live and Rail Safe Friendly, said: “We are delighted to welcome Siemens Mobility to the Rail Safe Friendly programme. Their support means that we will be able to reach many more young people in delivering vital rail safety education in order to prevent injuries and save lives.”

For further information please see: railsafefriendly.com