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COMMUNITY UPDATE Translink NIRailways Lurgan Area Track Renewal Project

Welcome to the second edition of our Newsletter providing you with an update on all the work we have been doing in your local community ahead of the engineering works planned later this summer.

Work is already underway on the 'Lurgan Area Track Renewal Project' which involves essential engineering works to upgrade 1.7km of track between the William Street and Bells Row level crossings to improve overall line performance and maintain high safety standards.

We have welcomed much support from the local community, and we will continue to work with you as the project progresses.

Translink working with local Sports Clubs







Handover of sporting equipment to Clann Fireann

Winners of the under 9 Lurgan Town's Cup, Glenavon Aces

Sponsorship of St Peter's Summer Scheme

Public transport is at the heart of local communities. As part of our engagement to promote the social and physical wellbeing benefits of taking the bus and train, we have collaborated with a number of local sports clubs to demonstrate the importance of regular exercise, sponsoring a range of initiatives supporting young people with more to come over the summer months.

Lurgan Show

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Members of the public visiting the Translink Stand at Lurgan Show.

As one of the main sponsors of the Lurgan Show this year, we were delighted to be part of this key event attracting hundreds of visitors to the town. It also gave us a fantastic platform to highlight the benefits of the Track Renewal Project and promote important safety messages.

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Bus and Train Week Arts Project



Road-Rail Vehicle on display at Lurgan Station

Our Bus and Train Week was another huge success. We welcomed the opportunity to showcase a Road-Rail Vehicle to the local community allowing them to get up close and hear about how it would be used. We also worked with a local nursery school, with pupils bringing some extra colour to the station with displays of their artwork throughout the month of June.



Launch of the arts project at Lurgan Station

We are pleased to work with local artists who will collaborate with a range of local groups to produce artwork which will be displayed on the existing signalling cabins in Lurgan. Using walking tours, focus groups and workshops, local railway stories will be unlocked and this will enable the local artists to take inspiration for their artwork.

#crossingthelines

Drop in Sessions



Translink values the importance of ongoing community engagement and we held three public drop in information sessions across Lurgan. These sessions allowed people to find out more information about the line closure, the alternative park and ride facilities and bus substitution services.



Key rail safety messaging talk

Translink collaborated with The Replay Theatre Company with the innovative #crossingthelines community initiative. This live in-school theatre production #crossingthelines, toured schools, including St Ronan's Lurgan, and featured key rail safety messaging.

Timeline of Main Works

Preparatory works are nearing completion, with the four-week line closure for replacement of track and construction of new platform walls between 27th July and 23rd August. We aim to complete the works as quickly as possible and ensure impact is kept to a minimum.

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