

## Social Value at Consortia



Northern Rail Limited are proud to be working with Consortia – an SME that has social value at the heart of its business and demonstrates clearly how a small company can deliver truly meaningful social value; making a positive impact for communities on our network in all kinds of ways.

At Consortia, social value is *“Not about ticking a box, it’s about doing the right thing and giving back. We see it as our duty to build a better society, starting with our local communities here in Liverpool”* – Craig Barton, Managing Director Construction & Transport.–

Consortia offer a wide range of examples of how they deliver social value, but the important thing for them is that they focus their support in the local community. Not only do members of the team deliver talks to schools, meeting with groups or 1-1 and offering advice and opportunities, but they have donated funds to the Thrive Careers Hub which provides up to 20 youngsters with interactive, in-person and online careers sessions.

Consortia understands the importance of providing training and skills, and endeavors to hire 2/3 apprentices a year. This is fundamental to the construction industry in acquiring hands-on experience not otherwise gained in educational settings, and increasing employability through nationally recognised qualifications.



If that wasn’t enough, Consortia donate toys and volunteer their time to charities such as “Give a child a chance” which is a charity supporting children with physical and psychological conditions, as well as those from deprived areas. In practical terms this could be sending them to a football game with some vouchers to use in the football shop, or even decorating their rooms. Consortia also donated toys to the Leeds Hospital oncology ward for those children that would have been spending Christmas on the ward. These were delivered by the Leeds Rhino’s Rugby team which boosted morale all around.



As well as the more formal company efforts, the team at Consortia enjoy taking part in events to raise money for charity. Beneficiaries have included Marie Curie, The international Huntington Association, An hour for others, Genes for Jeans, Water Aid, Zoes Place Baby Hospice, Cancer research and many more!

Every Year Consortia will work alongside Northern Rail and donate time, services and funds to some of our stations that need a touch of love, this can range from fixing/ providing new planters and plants, painting the platform, weeding, filling pot holes and even delivering/ collecting Christmas trees.

Together with Consortia we're committed to making a positive difference wherever we can. We look forward to collaborating further on our shared ambitions for social value in the North.