

Over 12,500 PEOPLE listened into Forty20live podcasts about the RLWC21, made with a live audience at 11 panel events in different libraries across the regions.



We taught young people to do the Haka



We have linked local history to visiting teams



"Excellent feedback from children and teachers. One child gave the workshop 1982 out of 10."

"A great night at Dewsbury Library. Panel event really enjoyable funny, inciteful and opinionated in a positive way. Painting a picture of the world cup and their thoughts on what's to come. Also the future of Rugby League particularly around the women's and wheelchair games which are on the rise, fantastic to hear informed views."



We have written poetry with Young Identity

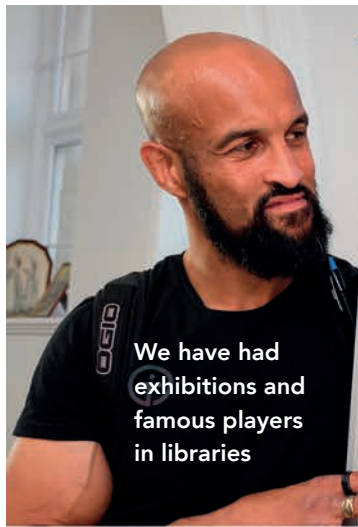
LIBRARIES CONNECTED partnered with the *Rugby League World Cup 2021* to deliver a programme of arts activities and events as part of the tournament's cultural festival.

With more than **593** different libraries involved across **34** authorities in the north of England, the events kicked off from 26 September 2022, and ran for the duration of the tournament and beyond.

Libraries offered an exciting programme of events for everyone young and old, bridging the gap between arts, culture and sport.

The Power of Connecting was one of three elements in the RLWC21 Cultural Festival, funded by Arts Council England. Libraries are in the heart of every community and ideally placed to deliver this element.





We have had exhibitions and famous players in libraries



182 EVENTS

were delivered by artists, poets, dancers and podcasters in libraries during the RLWC21 Tournament.

29 DIFFERENT ARTISTS

travelled from Newcastle to Scunthorpe, St Helen's and Sheffield... and lots of other places along the way, performing and entertaining in libraries and creating excitement for the the RLWC21 tournament.



We have designed rugby shirts

"It was such a wonderful experience. Indie comes to a lot of rugby games with me but I'll never forget Friday night. She absolutely loved it, as a dad it was amazing to see. Thank you, and the library again."

"Colour the Clouds delivered an outstanding performance that suited the requirements of the children, some of them had additional needs. The children enjoyed the session and actively joined in. They learnt libraries are a fun place. They also learned about a sport that none of them had seen before."

We have told the story of women and rugby with Colour the Clouds

34 INDIVIDUAL LIBRARY SERVICES

signed up to be involved, with many putting on events in multiple locations across their areas.

We commissioned teaching resources from Tony Walsh that can be used for the next 12 months

3,046 PEOPLE attended face to face events and activities in libraries during the RLWC21 tournament.

"The customers who attended really enjoyed the workshop A few of them said that the session brought back memories of childhood linked to rugby league that they had not thought about for years."



We taught older people to do the Haka

