

PRESS RELEASE: 100 Days until Rugby League World Cup (RLWC) 2021

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Today marks 100 days until Samoa and England kick start the delayed Rugby League World Cup (RLWC) 2021 at Newcastle's St James' Park.

For the first time in RLWC history, the men's, women's and wheelchair tournaments will take place together in 2022. All 61 matches will be played at venues <u>across</u> <u>England</u> between 15 October and 19 November 2022.

To begin the 100 day countdown, students of the Seven Day Adventist primary school performed the Siva Tau at the Robert Louis Stevenson museum in response to a stirring performance by Hayfield Lane primary school, Doncaster led by former Samoa rugby star Freddie Tuilagi. Following the performance students enjoyed a rugby league drills and mini-training session led by the National Rugby League Ltd. And a tour of the Art Whistler Botanical Garden guided by Laulu Fialelei Enoka of the Division of Environment and Conservation of MNRE.

Doncaster will play host to Samoa during the RLWC. Doncaster Rugby League's chief executive Carl Hall is confident Samoa will be made to feel right at home in Doncaster.

"I'm delighted that we'll be hosting Samoa," said Carl Hall, "For me it's a personal thing, Samoa are very close to me because I was brought up by a Samoan family. I'm really looking forward to welcoming the team to Doncaster."

"All along we've spoken about wanting this World Cup to leave a legacy in this town -Samoa are going to be in our town for three weeks and I'm sure the people of Doncaster will never forget it."

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