



Community Rail Conference Connecting Communities with the Railways

11-12 March 2019

Novotel Sheffield, 50 Arundel Gate, Sheffield, S1 2PR

Programme

Objective: Supporting community rail organisations to flourish as inclusive, independent and sustainable groups so they are well placed to deliver Community Rail Development Strategy's key pillars.

Monday 11 March

All sessions are in the Furnival Suite unless otherwise stated.

13:00 – 14:00 *Registration and light lunch*

14:00 – 14:20 **Welcome and outline of the event**

with Hannah Fitzpatrick, Head of Stations and Community Rail Policy, Department for Transport and Jools Townsend, Chief Executive, ACoRP

Community Rail Accreditation and the key pillars of the Community Rail Development Strategy

with Hannah Fitzpatrick, Head of Stations and Community Rail Policy, Department for Transport

14:20 – 15:50 **Presentation and workshop session on key pillar 1: Bringing communities together and supporting diversity and inclusion**

facilitated by Rachel Gillett

15:50 – 16:10 *Tea and coffee break*

16:10 – 16:55 **Community Rail Development Strategy workshop session 1**

17:05 – 17:50 **Community Rail Development strategy workshop session 2**

Over these two workshop sessions each delegate will attend a session on community rail accreditation, along with one of two other workshops:

Compulsory for all delegates (check the delegate list for your timeslot):

Community rail accreditation (Loxley/Firth)
with ACoRP operations team

Choose one of these two workshops for the other timeslot:

Stand Clear of the Closet Doors project (Brearly)

This project aimed to increase inclusion through visual artwork for LGBT+ users of the Northern network, as well as encourage all passengers to visit these locations by rail, and learn something new about the LGBT+ community.

with Daisy Chapman-Chamberlain, Community Rail Education Development Officer, Community Rail Lancashire and Elena Summers, Stand Clear of the Closet Doors Project

Community stations development (Huntsman)

Discuss ways in which you can develop your unused or under-used station buildings to provide new community facilities and space for social enterprises. This session looks at the opportunities and the challenges involved.

with Martin Yallop, Community Stations Development Manager, ACoRP and Dylan Webster and Steve Irvin, Property Services Managers, Network Rail

17:50– 19:20 **Free time and networking**

19:20 – 21:00 **Dinner**

Tuesday 12 March

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09:00 – 09:05 **Welcome back**

with Hannah Fitzpatrick, Head of Stations and Community Rail Policy, Department for Transport

09:05 – 09:25 **Rail Review**

with Michael Clark, Head of Secretariat, Williams Rail Review, Department for Transport (TBC)

09:25 – 09:40 **Q&A on Rail Review**

09:40 – 10:10 **Presentations on key pillar 2: Providing a voice for the community:**

Station masterplans

with Wendy Otter, Community Rail Partnership Officer, Hereward CRP and Belinda Pedlar, Senior Transport Officer, Fenland District Council

West Midlands Trains: Providing a voice for the community through urban station adoption

with Fay Easton, Head of Stakeholder and Community, West Midlands Railway

10:10 – 10:20 **Q&A on key pillar 2**

10:20 – 10:40 *Tea and coffee break*

10:40 – 11:10 **Presentations on key pillar 3: Promoting healthy, sustainable and accessible travel:**

Education projects

with Kirsten Firth, Community Rail Development Manager, Sussex CRP

Active travel planning

with Martyn Brunt, Land Manager (Midlands), Sustrans and Kaye Robinson, Community Rail Partnership Officer, Poacher Line CRP

11:10 – 11:20 **Q&A on key pillar 3**

11:20 – 11:50 **Presentations on key pillar 4: Supporting social and economic development:**

Fawley Line development project

with Nick Farthing, Chair, Three Rivers CRP

Swanage Railway development project

with Phil Dominey, Senior Regional Development Manager, South Western Railway

11:50 – 12:00 **Q&A on key pillar 4**

12:00 – 13:00 *Lunch and networking*

13:00 – 13:20 **Helping community rail to flourish - looking to the future**

How ACoRP support and engage members and partners to deliver the new Community Rail Development Strategy

with Jools Townsend, Chief Executive, ACoRP

13:20 – 13:30 **Q&A with Jools Townsend**

13:30 – 13:45 *Comfort break*

13:45 – 14:45 **Break-out sessions – sharing ideas and shaping the future**

What are you considering or planning following this conference? Inspire your colleagues or come along and be inspired. Please attend the break-out session as chosen in the morning:

Providing a voice for the community (Loxley/Firth)

with ACoRP staff team

Promoting sustainable, healthy and accessible travel (Brearly)

with ACoRP staff team

Supporting social and economic development (Huntsman)

with ACoRP staff team

14:45 – 15:00 *Comfort break*

15:00 – 15:30 **Feedback from the break-out sessions**

Each group will summarise the feedback from their break-out sessions for ten minutes each.

with Brian Barnsley, Senior Operations Manager & Deputy Chief Executive, ACoRP

15:30 – 15:40 **Event feedback and close**

with Hannah Fitzpatrick, Head of Stations and Community Rail Policy,
Department for Transport