

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 – 14:05 **Welcome from the Mayor of Sheffield City Region, Dan Jarvis MP**

14:05 – 14:15 **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

14:15 – 14:20 **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 - Bringing communities together and supporting diversity and inclusion**

facilitated by Rachel Gillett, freelance trainer and facilitator

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 (Brearily)

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 – 10:00 **Helping community rail to flourish - looking to the future**

How ACoRP will support and engage members and partners to deliver the new Community Rail Development Strategy
with Jools Townsend, Chief Executive, ACoRP

10:00 – 10:10 **Q&A with Jools Townsend**

10:10 – 10:40 *Tea and coffee break*

10:40 – 12:00 **Community Rail Development Strategy key pillars workshops - Session 1**

Workshop 1: Providing a voice for the community (Loxley/Firth)

Station masterplans

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

Workshop 2: Promoting healthy, sustainable and accessible travel (Brearily)

Education projects

with Kirsten Firth, Community Rail Development Manager, Sussex CRP

Workshop 3: Supporting social and economic development (Huntsman)

Fawley Line development project

with Nick Farthing, Chair, Three Rivers CRP

12:00 – 13:20 *Lunch*

13:20 – 14:40 **Community Rail Development Strategy key pillars workshops - Session 2**

Workshop 4: Providing a voice for the community (Loxley/Firth)

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

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

Workshop 5: Promoting healthy, sustainable and accessible travel (Brearily)

Active travel planning

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

Workshop 6: Supporting social and economic development (Huntsman)

Swanage Railway development project

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

14:40 – 15:10 **Event summary, feedback and close**

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