



Optional field trips - Monday 7 March, 10.45-12.30

Adding to the conference experience, delegates can enjoy one of two specially arranged field trips to local community rail projects, with free tickets courtesy of our friends at **East Midlands Railway**. Places are strictly limited, so please email EMR directly to register your interest and for further details: stationadoption@eastmidlandsrailway.co.uk

Day 1 Monday 7 March

13:00-14:00 *Registration at the Royal Suite area, with lunch served in the Royal Bar*
Please note: All sessions are in the **Royal Suite** unless otherwise stated.

SESSION 1: Opening Community Rail Conference 2022

14:00-14:10 **Chair's welcome and opening speech**
Simon Huish, Head of Stations & Community Rail Policy, Dept. for Transport

14:10-14:20 **Community Rail Network's welcome and opening speech**
Jools Townsend, Chief executive, Community Rail Network

SESSION 2: Diversifying Community Rail Boards

14:20-15:05 (45 mins)

This session will look at how we can embrace new ways of doing things, represent our communities fully, and make CRPs resilient into the future through ensuring diverse board membership and bringing in a breadth of perspectives. We will see how other non-profits have approached this challenge and best practices to keep in mind. We will then have small group discussion to share successes and concerns, coming back to a speaker Q&A.

14:20-14:35 *Bayo Adelaja, Chief Executive, Do It Now Now*

14:35-14:50 *Small Group Discussion – introduced by Bayo*

14:50-15:05 Q&A and feedback from small group discussion

15:05-15:35 *Tea Break - Royal Bar*
Includes delegate participation activity, please visit our interactive boards!

SESSION 3: Engaging Young People in Community Rail: an interactive panel

15:35-16:20 (45 mins)

Chair: *Karen Bennett, Community Rail Education Officer, Lancashire CRP and Board Member, Community Rail Network*

Panel: *Including a range of young people from across the UK, either involved in community rail or who have participated in community rail projects.*

[15 min comfort break and room change]

SESSION 4: Breakout sessions – Integrated Leisure Travel

Delegates choose one of two sessions at registration (2 breakout rooms)

16.35-17.20 (45 minutes)

Breakout Room - Highgrove: Active travel and leisure travel

Increasing numbers of people in the UK are choosing holidays where they can experience natural beauty on foot or on their bike. How can CRPs better understand and promote this type of travel, and forge long terms partnerships with walking organisations?

16:35-16:50 **Dales Rail Walks**

Craig Ward, Lancashire Rail Ramblers

16:50-17:05 **Heart of Wales Line Trail**

Richard Whiting, Heart of Wales Line Development Company

17:05-17:20 **Q&A (15 mins)**

Breakout Room - Hampton & Windsor: Mobility hubs

How can CRPs facilitate well-connected leisure journeys across rail, bus, active travel and other sustainable modes? This session will look at how stations can be turned into and promoted as multimodal hubs.

16:35-16:50 **Developing the mobility hub concept**

Matthew Ledbury, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, CoMoUK

16:50-17:05 **Katch** - all-electric demand-responsive bus service

Luke Barber, Strategic Transport and Policy Manager, Suffolk CC

17:05-17:20 **Q&A (15 mins)**

END OF DAY ONE SESSIONS

17:20-18:45 (85 mins): Free time (checking-in as needed etc.)

EVENING NETWORKING

18:45–19:30 *Pre-dinner complimentary drink and networking - Royal Bar*

19:30–21:00 *Dinner – Royal Suite*

DAY 2 Tues 8 March

09:00-09:05 **Welcome back and reflection on Day 1**

Simon Huish, Head of Stations & Community Rail Policy, Dept. for Transport

SESSION 1: Addresses by Great British Railway and Community Rail Network

09:05-10:05 (60 mins)

09:05-09:25 **The future of Community Rail**

Sarah Williams, Community Rail Lead, GBR Transition Team

09:25-09:45 **Developing and cementing our place within communities**

Jools Townsend, Chief executive, Community Rail Network

09:45-10:00 **Q&A (15 mins)**

10:00-10:05 **Introduction to workshops** - *Jools Townsend*

10:05-10:35 *Tea Break - Royal Bar*

SESSION 2: Workshops – Planning in uncertain times

10:35-11:55 (80 mins)

Facilitated by Community Rail Network team – delegates divided across 3 workshop rooms (please check the delegate list for your relevant workshop number and assigned room)

A place for participants to share how they've handled uncertainty over the past two years; to consider how to plan ahead when the future is uncertain; and discuss how to ensure organisations are resilient and ready to respond to change. *This is a participative workshop for all conference attendees.*

[10 min comfort break and return to main room]

SESSION 3: How can we make passengers feel safer and prevent crime on the railway

12:05-12:45 (40 mins)

This session will look at how making station surroundings feel more taken care of can reduce anti-social behaviour and make vulnerable people feel safer travelling.

12:05-12:20 **Safe and secure stations – the passenger perspective**

Geoff Grant, Stakeholder Manager West Midlands Transport Focus

12:20-12:35 **A Partnership approach to helping Communities Feel Safer - promoting mechanisms for reporting crime**

Heather Cullimore, Severnside CRP & Karen MacDonald, Crimestoppers West Country

12:35-12:45 **Q&A (10 mins)**

12:45-12:50 **Summary and close of morning session**

Simon Huish, Head of Stations & Community Rail Policy, Dept. for Transport

12.50-13:50 Lunch – Lacemaker Restaurant

SESSION 4: Housing and Development

13:50-14:30 (40 mins)

How can CRPs work with developers and local authorities to play an important role in the local development process? How do housing developers and local authorities take transport into account? This session will look at the role CRPs can play to provide evidence and input in planning, and to encourage local development that is more joined up with rail and other forms of sustainable travel.

13:50-14:05 **Transport for new homes – how community rail can play a role**

Steve Chambers, Director, Transport for New Homes

14:05-14:20 **Connecting new communities to rail**

Jon Harris, Gloucestershire CRP - Community Rail case study

14:20-14:30 **Q&A (10 mins)**

14.30-14:40 **Conference summary, feedback & close**

*Simon Huish, Head of Stations and Community Rail Policy, Dept. for Transport
Jools Townsend, Chief executive, Community Rail Network*