

**AGENDA**  
**Community Rail Conference**  
**13 & 14 November 2023, Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
**Nottingham**

**DAY 1: Monday 13 November**

**From 17:30** Registration, networking/introductory activity & hot buffet supper (*food served from 18:30 and drinks available from cash bar*)

**19:15 – 19:30** **What to expect from ‘open platform’**

**Support & Development team**, Community Rail Network

Introducing how the open space sessions will work and how members can get the most out of this format

**Roundtable discussion – topic proposals**

An opportunity for people to start thinking about what they would like to discuss during the ‘open platform’ session on day 2.

**DAY 2: Tuesday 14 November**

**08:50 – 09:00** **Welcome and housekeeping**

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

**SESSION 1**

**Evolving our fundraising mindset and demonstrating our value and impact**

**09:00 – 09:25** **Setting the scene and how Community Rail Network is supporting resilience and funding development.**

**Jools Townsend** - Chief Executive, *Community Rail Network*

**09:25 – 09:40** **Expert advice on fundraising in the third sector**

**Cathryn Chrimes** - Head of Investments, *GMCVO*

**09:40 – 09:55** **Social Value, why corporates support community groups**

**Shuna Baggaley**, Community, Stakeholder & Social Value Manager and **Sarah Roos**, Social Value Lead, *Skanska*

**09:55 – 10:15** **Round table discussions**

**10:15 – 10:30** **Feedback and Q&A from discussions**

**10:30 – 11:00** **Tea break - Royal Bar**

## **SESSION 2**

### **Open Platform**

#### **11:00 – 11:15 Finalising topics for discussion**

**Support & Development team**, Community Rail Network

Re-cap of how the session will work and invitation to suggest additional topics  
*(providing opportunity for day delegates to input ideas)*

#### **11:15 – 11:30 Planning your 'Open Platform' journey**

Delegates review the final list of topics and plan which discussions to attend

#### **11:30 – 12:00 Open Platform Rotation 1**

#### **12:05 – 12:35 Open Platform Rotation 2**

#### **12:40 – 13:55 Lunch – Lacemaker Restaurant**

## **SESSION 3**

#### **14:00 – 14:30 Open Platform Rotation 3**

#### **14:35 – 15:05 Open Platform Rotation 4**

#### **15:10 – 15:40 Plenary session**

Feedback and review from the open platform discussions

#### **15:40 – 15:45 Conference close**

**Simon Huish** - Dept. for Transport