

AGENDA
Community Rail Conference
7 & 8 October 2024, Crowne Plaza Hotel
Nottingham

DAY 1: Monday 7 October

From 17:30 Registration, networking/introductory activity & hot buffet supper (food served from 18:40 and drinks available from cash bar)

18:35 – 18:40 Welcome
Jeremy Whitaker – Chair, Community Rail Network

18:40 – 19:40 Buffet supper

19:40 – 20:00 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.

Topic proposals

An opportunity for delegates to consider what they would like to discuss during the ‘open platform’ session on day 2 and to make a pitch for their topic(s) – max 2 per CRP.

DAY 2: Tuesday 8 October

08:50 – 09:00 Welcome and housekeeping
Simon Huish & Louise Watkinson - Stations & Community Rail Policy, Dept. for Transport

SESSION 1

Community Rail and the Bigger Picture

09:00 – 09:20 Putting community rail at the forefront of change
Jools Townsend - Chief Executive, Community Rail Network

09:20 – 09:40 A Supply Chain Perspective
James McGowan - Public Affairs & PR Director, Railway Industry Association

09:40 – 10:00 Railway 200
Emma Robertson – Programme Manager, Railway 200

10:00 – 10:30 Q&A with Jools, James and Emma

10:30 – 11:00 Tea break - Royal Bar

SESSION 2

Open Platform 'Part A' from 11:00 – 12:45

- 11:00 – 11:15 'Open Platform' – final topics & preparations**
Support & Development team, Community Rail Network
- 11:20 – 12:00 Open Platform Rotation 1**
See Matrix for topic/room options
- 12:05 – 12:45 Open Platform Rotation 2**
See Matrix for topic/room options
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch – Lacemaker Restaurant**

SESSION 3

Open Platform 'Part B' from 14:00 – 15:45

- 14:00 – 14:40 Open Platform Rotation 3**
See Matrix for topic/room options
- 14:45 – 15:25 Open Platform Rotation 4**
See Matrix for topic/room options
- 15:30 – 15:45 'Take Aways' open mic session.**
Delegate feedback and highlights from Open Platform
- 15:45 – 15:50 Conference close**
Simon Huish & Louise Watkinson - Dept. for Transport