

**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**