

Harnessing the Power of the SME Community

08.15 | ANNUAL CONFERENCE EXPO OPEN

09.15 | Welcome and Opening Remarks

- *Will Rogers, Chair, Rail Forum*

09.20 | Welcome to Doncaster from

- *Glyn Jones, Deputy Mayor, City of Doncaster*

SESSION ONE: EMBRACING INNOVATION; CREATING A BETTER CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

09.30 | Nestlé's Journey from Road Back to Rail

- *Richard Hastings, Head of Logistics, Nestlé UK&I*

09.50 | Stadler – Growing the UK Supply Chain

- *James McCaffery, UK Head of Programmes, Stadler*

10.05 | Panel Discussion led by Michelle Craven-Faulkner, Vice Chair, Rail Forum

- *Ian Evley, Innovate UK Business Growth*
- *Richard Hastings, Nestlé UK&I*
- *Robert Ampomah, Network Rail*
- *James McCaffery, Stadler*

10.25 | Keynote Speaker

- *Alex Hynes, Director General, Rail Services, Department for Transport*

SESSION TWO: EXPORTING UK RAIL; THE WORLD IS OUR OYSTER

10.35 | GCRE: Driving Export Growth & Strengthening the Supply Chain in Rail Industry Innovation

- *Kelly Warburton, Chief Commercial Officer, Global Centre of Rail Excellence (GCRE)*

10.50 | Panel Discussion led by Lucy Prior MBE, Business Growth Director, Trough-Tec Systems

- *Simon Burke, Department for Business and Trade*
- *Kelly Warburton, GCRE*
- *Sam Kirk, J Flex Rubber Products*
- *Veronica Elena Bocci, European Railway Clusters Initiative*

11.15 | REFRESHMENT BREAK

11.50 | Keynote Speaker

SESSION THREE: CELEBRATING MANUFACTURING; GENERATING WEALTH FOR UK PLC

12.00 | Building Trains: If It Was Easy Everyone Would Do It

- Geoff Newman, Chief Operating Officer, Transport Design International (TDI)

12.15 | Panel Discussion led by Cat Appleby, Membership and Engagement Director, Rail Forum

- Steve Barbour, Composite Braiding
- Joanne Farms, Hydram Engineering
- John Pearce, Made in Britain
- Geoff Newman, TDI

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNG RAIL PROFESSIONALS (YRP)

12.35 | YRP: Promote, Inspire, Develop

- Anna Gray, EM Chair, Young Rail Professionals

12.45 | LUNCH (NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION)

SPOTLIGHT ON SHARED VALUE CREATION

14.10 | Rebuilding Futures

- Chris Leech MBE, Associate Director for Penmark and Head of Responsible Business Practice for Tracsis PLC

SESSION FOUR: ENCOURAGING COLLABORATION: FORMING PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS THE SUPPLY CHAIN

14.20 | Fireside Chat: Network Rail and CrossTech Working Together

- Mark Budden, Route Director, Network Rail East Midlands Route
- Haydon Bartlett-Tasker, Managing Director, CrossTech

14.25 | Turbostar Digital Journey

- Chris Beales, Head of Digital Engineering Services, Porterbrook
- Sam Bussey, Sales Director, Instrumentel

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14.40 | Panel Discussion led by Paul Harwood, Director Partners and Places, GBRTT

- *Matthew Labuda, Angel Trains*
- *Haydon Bartlett-Tasker, CrossTech*
- *Sam Bussey, Instrumentel*
- *Chris Beales, Porterbrook*
- *Nicola Kissaglis, Unipart*

15:10 | CLOSING REMARKS / CONFERENCE ENDS

16:15 | ANNUAL CONFERENCE EXPO CLOSE