Department for Transport

ACoRP
New life for local lines

Department for Transport Community Rail Seminar
22-23 March 2017
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lincoln, Brayford Wharf North, Lincoln, LN1 1YW

Wednesday 22 March

13:00	Registration opens
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome from Jonathan Denby (Head of Corporate Affairs, Greater Anglia and Member of the National Community Rail Steering Group)
14:10 – 15:40	Workshop: What is innovation and how do you develop it? with Nicky Forsdike (Director, Forsdike Associates)
15:40 – 16:00	Tea and coffee break
16:00 – 16:45	Workshops, choose from:

Workshop 1: Engaging with franchise bidders
with Andrew Nock (former Franchise Specification Manager, Department for Transport) and Jerry Swift (former Head of Community Rail, Network Rail)

Workshop 2: Showcase of award-winning community rail projects
with Richard Watts (Rail Development Team Manager, Community Rail Lancashire) and Sheila Dee (Community Rail Partnership Officer, Chester-Shrewsbury CRP)

Workshop 3: Transforming redundant station buildings – how to manage the projects, the challenges and then keeping them going long-term
with Martin Yallop (Community Stations Development Manager, ACoRP) and Stephen Sleight (Community Rail Partnership Officer, Marston Vale CRP)

16:45 – 17:00	Tea and coffee break
17:00 – 18:00	Introducing the new ACoRP team, and delegate networking game
18:00 – 19:00	Free time
19:00 – 20:30	Dinner
20:30 – 21:15	After dinner speaker Michel Huisman (Founder, Maankwartier Heerlen)

Thursday 23 March

09:00 – 09:05 Welcome from Jonathan Denby

09:05 – 10:00 Department for Transport update
with Eddie Muraszko (Franchise Director, Department for Transport) and Brian Freemantle (Head of Rolling Stock Policy & Contracts, Department for Transport):

- What is franchising? – a guide for beginners
- What recent franchise awards mean for community rail
- What is coming up in the next twelve months
- How to influence Department for Transport franchise specifications
- Department for Transport's role in rolling stock
- Latest update on the rolling stock cascade

10:00 – 11:00 ACoRP update
with Jools Townsend (Chief Executive, ACoRP)

- Recent changes with the ACoRP team
- What extra support is now available from ACoRP
- ACoRP's five-year strategy

11:00 – 11:30 Tea and coffee break

11:30 – 12:05 Tourism and heritage in community rail

- Scenic Rail Britain website
  with Alice Mannion (Tourism & Heritage Officer, ACoRP)
- Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership & Visit Cornwall "Cornwall as seen on screen" with Rebecca Catterall (Development Officer, DCRP)
- Community Rail Humber – Cleethorpes to Scarborough Experience
  with Gill Simpson (Community Rail Officer, Community Rail Humber) or John O'Grady (Chair, Community Rail Humber)

12:05 – 12:15 Abellio Challenge 2016 - Smarter Travel Challenge update
with Sarah Deakin (Community Rail Engagement Officer, Kent CRP)

12:15 – 12:30 Refreshing the Community Rail Development Strategy
with Jonathan Denby

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 Developing the new Community Rail Development Strategy breakout sessions – your chance to have your say:

Group 1: How can government and the rail industry support community rail to bring about local sustainable development?
with Paul Salveson (Group Advisor – Society & Communities, Arriva UK Trains)

Group 2: How do the distinct roles of the Department for Transport, ACoRP and the rail industry help deliver the Community Rail Development Strategy?
with Jools Townsend

Group 3: How do we measure the success of the Community Rail Development Strategy?
with Richard Watts

15:00 – 15:05 Close with Jonathan Denby

The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lincoln is approximately 10 minutes walk from Lincoln Central Station. The trains that depart immediately following the conference are:

to Sheffield – 15:25 and 16:25

to Newark North Gate – 15:42

to Leicester – 15:36 and 16:34

to Peterborough – 16:00