

## RAILFUTURE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE "EVERY PASSENGER MATTERS" Inclusion and Accessibility for passengers using the rail network

## SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2019 Registration from 9.30am Starts 10.00am to 4.30pm ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH CENTRE, STOKE GIFFORD, BRISTOL BS34 8PD

Railfuture is the leading national organisation campaigning for a bigger and better railway. We are excited to be holding our inaugural Annual National Conference at a venue only a five-minute walk from Bristol Parkway station and have confirmed a variety of speakers to seek their expert views, concentrating on inclusion and accessibility for passengers using the rail network. This is at a time when the Guardian Newspaper reported on the 9th July 2019 that the Department for Transport has published research on experiences of disabled rail passengers which found they still encounter barriers to using trains.

## **CONFIRMED SPEAKERS**

Matthew Golton, Deputy Managing Director Great Western Railway
Richard Gibson, Head of Communications, CrossCountry Trains
Lorna Brown-Owens, Access and Inclusion Manager, Network Rail
Jon Harris, Integrated Transport and Accessibility Manager, West Midlands Trains
A representative from the British Transport Police

## Guest Chair - Stephen Brookes MBE, BA (Hons) Rail Sector Champion for the Minister for Disabled People

There will also be an optional interactive afternoon workshop session for delegates to take part in on the theme of inclusion and accessibility. We want to hear what barriers you experience in using the rail network, and what improvements you would like to see to ensure that every passenger really does matter.

Cost is only £25 including a buffet lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

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