



**WEST ANGLIA
COMMUNITY
RAIL PARTNERSHIP**

Briefing Document for Launch Event

15th November 2017 | 12:30 | Hackney Downs station | Platform One

About the Launch Event

This event is an opportunity to celebrate the launch of the **West Anglia Community Rail Partnership**. It will be a short event with the chance to visit Banner Repeater, the flagship community art space on Platform One at Hackney Downs station. There will also be time for photographs to be taken.

There will be a few words from **Will Rogers, Managing Director of Arriva Rail London**, who will speak about the vision for London Overground and the future for community engagement from a railway perspective.

Paul Webster, Operations Manager at the Association of Community Rail Partnerships (**ACoRP**), will also speak about the value that CRPs across the country have brought and the opportunities for our new and unique urban CRP in London.

Who are we?

The **West Anglia Community Rail Partnership** is a coalition of community groups, local authorities and representatives of the Train Operating Company working in partnership to deliver improvements to our local communities in and around the stations on the route.

Where do we operate?

The CRP covers the routes operated by London Overground from London Liverpool Street to Cheshunt, Chingford and Enfield Town. The CRP is being piloted on the Chingford branch but aims to expand across the wider route within the first six months.

What do we do?

The CRP has three strategic priorities for its first year

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- **Reaching out into the community** to encourage use of the railway, especially for vulnerable or disadvantaged people
- **Harnessing community expertise** to identify opportunities for art, heritage, culture and gardening to be introduced, nurtured and improved on our stations
- **To lead lobbying activity** by identifying key areas for improvement and using the power of the WACRP to advocate for investment from the appropriate funding authorities

How are we governed?

A shadow committee is currently in place which will help to deliver a full Terms of Reference and governance plan for the CRP.

It is envisaged that local **Station Adoption** arrangements will be overseen by local station managers, while coordinated and funded projects to deliver the strategic priorities will be the responsibility of the CRP Committee. This committee will be made up of community groups from across the routes, the local authorities involved as well as railway representatives.

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