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Unleashing the Value of UK Rail

Programme for the Day

09:00 | Breakfast / Networking / Expo

09:45 | Call to be seated

SESSION 1

10:00 | Welcome

10:05 | Modernising Chiltern - Our 2030 Vision

- Richard Allan, Managing Director, Chiltern Railways
- Rianna Stanwell, Programme Director, Chiltern Railways

10:20 | Connecting Potential: The Benefits of Investing in Rail

- Prof. Denise Bower OBE, Group External Engagement Director, Mott MacDonald and Professor Emeritus, University of Leeds

10:35 | Connecting the North: Lessons from the Transpennine Route Upgrade

- James Richardson, Managing Director, Transpennine Route Upgrade

10:50 | Panel Discussion: "Unleashing the Economic Value of Rail"

- Richard Allan / Rianna Stanwell
- Denise Bower
- James Richardson
- Huw Merriman

11:15 | Keynote Speaker

- Toufic Machnouk, Managing Director, GBRX

11:35 | ERCI Showcase

11:50 | In Conversation with Laura Shoaf CBE

- Laura Shoaf CBE, Chair, Shadow Great British Railways
- Elaine Clark, Chief Executive Officer, Rail Forum

- 12:10 | LUNCH AND EXPO -

SESSION 2

13:30 | In Conversation with Claire Mann

- Claire Mann, Chief Operating Officer, TfL
- Michelle Craven-Faulkner, Vice Chair, Rail Forum

13:50 | When You Need to Travel 6 Billion km - Then Quality Matters

- Roy Haworth, Engineering Senior Manager, Airbus Defence and Space

14:10 | Don't Look Back in Anger

- Rob Whyte, Managing Director, Alstom UK&I

14:25 | Wake Up Rail Industry - There's Innovation in Hydrogen Happening in the Energy Sector

- Helen Simpson, CEO and Founder, Enspired Consulting

14:40 | Driving Innovation: The Rail Supply Group Innovation Charter

- Paul Corcoran, Programme Director, RSG

14:50 | Panel Discussion: "Unleashing Supply Chain Performance"

- Roy Haworth
- Rob Whyte
- Helen Simpson
- Paul Corcoran

15:15 | Keynote Speaker

- Anit Chandarana, Group Director, System Operator, Network Rail

15:35 | Spotlight on Social Value

- Elaine Clark, Chief Executive Officer, Rail Forum

15:45 | Keynote Speaker

- Sir Andrew Haines, Chief Executive Officer, Network Rail

- 16:05 | CONFERENCE CLOSE -

- 16:05 - 17:30 | DRINKS RECEPTION -