

Annual Conference looks to address the power of leadership

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The Women in Rail conference takes place today for its fourth consecutive year, bringing together professionals from across the industry to discuss and debate the 'Power of Great Leadership'.

As an industry we continue to make great progress in bridging the skills gap and redressing gender imbalance. The importance of great leadership, which empowers and positively affects change, continues to be vital for our industry as we look to develop and harness existing and burgeoning talent.

I'm delighted that we are able to debate and champion great leadership at this year's conference and I'm thrilled to have such inspirational leaders join us to share their own professional and personal journeys. The conference will celebrate some of the achievements made by Women in Rail and those groups in our sector, as we reflect on another year which has seen organisations working hard to continue improving gender balance, diversity and inclusion.

We have an impressive line-up of speakers that include Dame Inga Beale, former Chief Executive Officer of Lloyd's of London, Rob Brighouse from East West Railways Company; Staynton Brown from Transport for

London; Dyan Crowther from High Speed 1; Polly Payne from the Department for Transport, Rail Group and Nicola Shaw CBE, author of the Shaw Report and currently at National Grid. The conference will also explore, through a presentation from Deborah Hulme from Minerva Engagement, the latest insights from neuroscience, shedding light on how we can enhance our personal leadership practice.

The Women in Rail Annual Conference, sponsored by Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, takes place from 10.30am today, at Adelaide House, London Bridge, EC4R 9HA.

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