

Collaboration key for stations to meet the accessibility needs of passengers

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RBD Community has hosted its first networking event – bringing together industry specialists to discuss accessibility and stations.

The event in Manchester featured a wide range of industry experts discussing strategy and progress that is being made in making stations accessible for everyone.

Eli Rees-King, Head of RBD Community, said: “Our first networking event has been a huge success with some great speakers on a topic of such importance.

“Access on the railways should be with everyone in mind and the passion from the speakers today shows there is an enthusiasm to improve accessibility on the railways, collaborating to do so.

“I’d like to thank everyone who spoke and attended – I am really looking forward to reveal details of our 2022 event calendar – we have some really interesting events planned which I hope will be equally successful.”

Among a list of high-profile speakers included:

- Cat Dowell, Rail Programme Sponsor at Transport for Greater Manchester.
- Dominic Lund-Conlon, Accessibility and Inclusion Manager at the Rail Delivery Group.
- Craig Alexander, Travel and Integration Accessibility Manager at Northern Trains.
- Chris Watkins, Senior Consultant, Access and Inclusive Environments, ARUP.
- Gary Seed, Director at SEED Architects.
- Rene Blamey, General Manager at GDS Technologies Ltd.
- Daisy Chapman-Chamberlain, Rail Lead at KTN.
- Gordon McCullough, CEO at Research Institute for Disabled Consumers (RiDC).
- Jonathan Howard, GRP Sales Manager at Dura Composites.

Rene Blamey, from event sponsors GDS Technology Ltd, said: “It was wonderful to support a great event with some excellent speakers on a topic of such importance.

“For us, it was a great opportunity to talk about our high-quality display solutions for the railways, which are already proving a success in the likes of Switzerland and Germany.

“Thirty per cent of rail users find signs and information hard to follow. Technology can be adapted and developed to overcome some of those barriers.”

RBD Community continues to grow with organisations looking to capitalise on profile raising opportunities, networking, reaching the right connections, lead generation, knowledge sharing and thought leadership.

About RBD Community

RBD Community was created to specifically meet the needs of organisations serving the rail sector. By joining RBD Community, your business can take full advantage of a vast range of benefits in addition to access to an innovative suite of business solutions; including an online rail broadcasting platform with over 50,000 subscribers, high quality rail publications, marketing expertise, business advice, and recruitment services.

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