

# Former RMT General Secretary one of two new trustees at the Railway Benefit Fund

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The Railway Benefit Fund (RBF) has appointed two new members to its Board of Trustees; Mick Cash and Emma Wasley.

Mick Cash has over 40 years of railway experience starting as Junior Railman in 1978. In 2002 he became the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT)'s Senior Assistant General Secretary and subsequently General Secretary in 2014. Mick retired as General Secretary in May 2021.

He brings to the RBF his vast experience from RMT, offering a unique perspective on how the charity can reach out to even more railway staff. RMT have also recently signed up to be an RBF Friend: a three-year commitment to support the charity.

Mick said: "I have known about the good work the Railway Benefit Fund has done and have myself referred people for help and assistance in the past. I welcome the opportunity to bring my knowledge and experience to ensuring that this charity can continue to support railway workers, both employed and retired, when they face difficult times."

Emma Wasley is HR People Partner at Govia Thameslink Railway. Initially joining GTR nearly four year ago as HR Advisor, she quickly progressed to leading the HR team as Senior Advisor. Emma is the first RBF Board member to work for a Train Operating Company, which gives her excellent insight into the day to day world of the rail industry.

Emma said: "I am very excited to get the opportunity to help fellow rail workers. Joining RBF is a perfect chance for me to get involved."



The Railway Benefit Fund has supported railway people and their dependents for over 160 years, providing a range of services such as financial support, information and advice. Mick and Emma join 13 other RBF trustees, including Tim Shoveller, Chairman of the Board and Managing Director of Network Rail North West and Central region; Maggie Simpson, Director General of Rail Freight Group and Ian Jeffrey, Ancillary Services Director at Abellio UK.

Claire Houghton, CEO of RBF, said: "We are delighted to welcome Emma and Mick to our Board of Trustees. They join RBF at a crucial time, as we are seeing a real increase in demand for our services. I look forward to working with them both."

For more information on RBF Board Members, visit: [www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk/about-us/the-board](http://www.railwaybenefitfund.org.uk/about-us/the-board)