

Hot on the heels of the Innovation Conference: Unlocking Innovation series on whole system innovation

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Following ‘hot on the heels’ of its Innovation Conference, the Railway Industry Association (RIA) has announced the agenda and speakers for the next Unlocking Innovation events on *Developing Whole Systems in the Digital Age*.

From Monday 10 to Friday 14 May 2021, the five-day event series will be the first time the Unlocking Innovation programme has looked at the topic of whole systems innovation and automation of design and testing.

The events, which will be held in partnership with RIA’s strategic partners Network Rail and the UK Rail Research and Innovation Network (UKRRIN), have a stellar line-up of industry leaders in whole systems thinking and will showcase some of best examples from projects in the UK.

Attendees will also be able join an interactive workshop on how to develop good requirements with RIA Members WSP, and dedicated networking sessions with colleagues after each day’s event.

Speakers

Confirmed speakers for the events include:

- Dyan Crowther, Chief Executive, HS1;
- Jay Newton, Head of Stations Engineering and Operation, and Peter Turrell, Head Of Asset Management, HS1;
- Andrew Simmons, Head of Systems Authority for Digital Railway, Network Rail;
- Derek Price, Technical Head of System Integration, Network Rail;
- Nassar Majothi, Head of Systems Integration, HS2;
- Greg Kotecha, Head of Engineering, South Western Railway (SWR); and
- And many more from NCATI, Atkins, UKRRIN, WSP amongst others.

Launching the programme, Railway Industry Association (RIA) Innovation Manager Karl King, said: “This week our RIA Innovation Conference saw nearly 400 attendees explore the key issues facing the industry, as we look to build ‘the railway of the future’. But for those wanting even more discussions and networking, do not worry, we will be back with our industry-leading Unlocking Innovation programme on 10 May.

“Whole systems thinking is an issue vital for the delivery of rail schemes of all sizes, but particularly major projects. In an exciting first for RIA, our next Unlocking Innovation series will look to address this very issue with an introduction to what a whole systems approach might look like, how to involve the supply chain and how to deliver on major projects. The weeks’ events will take participants through the project life cycle from establishing the problem to be solved to developing and testing the solution through to assurance.

“We are delighted to be welcoming key clients such as Network Rail, HS1, HS2 and operators including SWR, as well as hearing some innovative examples from the rail supply chain of how they are supporting the sector with systems engineering best practice. We hope to see you there!”

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