

Last chance to register: Unlocking Innovation event on Light Weight and Low Cost Railway

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The next Railway Industry Association's (RIA) Unlocking Innovation event series, which will cover 'Light Weight and Low Cost Railway', is taking place next week from 14 to 18 December 2020. The five-day event series, held in partnership with RIA's strategic partners Network Rail and UKRRIN, will involve a range of exciting speakers from across the light rail industry. Each day will include a 90 minute session open to all and free to attend!

The webinars will discuss new advances in tram systems, tram/train and light rail, the Very Light Rail (VLR) project in Coventry and the wider role VLR systems can play. It will also provide opportunities for networking after each day's event, with a dedicated business engagement day on Friday 18 December

The full agenda is as follows:

Monday 14 December - Advances in Tram Systems

Speakers include: James Hammett, CEO of UKTram; Prof Clive Roberts, Director of BCRRE; Elaine Clarke, CEO of Rail Forum Midlands. Elevator pitches from: Maxime Stagnitto of Mott MacDonald and UK



Operations Director at STECONFER, David Bailey.

Tuesday 15 December - Tram/Train and Light Rail

Speakers include: Simon Coulthard, Network Rail lead on light rail; Nicola Small, Coventry City Council; Ian Foll, Operations Director of the Arnold White Estates. Elevator pitches from: Mike Orange, Director of Cecence and Mike Gray, Firstco's Managing Director.

Wednesday 16 December - The Very Light Rail vehicle programme - Coventry Shuttle

Speakers include: James Meredith and Chris Micallef of Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG); and a representative for the Department for Transport (TBC). Elevator Pitches from: Noel Dolphin from Furrer+Frey AG and Dr Chris Hardwick from RSRG.

Thursday 17 December - The wider Very Light Rail system

Speakers include: BCIMO Chief Executive Nick Mallinson; Neil Cooney, Technical Director at SET Ltd; and CEO of Westfield Technology Group, Julian Turner. Elevator Pitches: session will hear from: Graham LEE, WMG and Colin Robbins from Nexor.

Friday 18 December - Business engagement day

Speakers include: Alex Dodds and Ian Ambrose from Network Rail; Prof Clive Roberts from UKRRIN, and Richard Jones and Naomi Arblaster from BCIMO.

Register at: www.riagb.org.uk/UILightRail

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