

Porterbrook announced as Destination Decarbonisation Event lead sponsor

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Destination Decarbonisation, the UK's first dedicated expo dedicated to showcasing rail decarbonisation technology and innovation taking place on 17 September, has been given the stamp of approval by rolling stock asset management business, Porterbrook who are sponsoring the event. Porterbrook along with BCRRE are pioneers in the development of hydrogen technology for trains having recently launched the UK's first hydrogen train at Rail Live in June this year.

Greenhouse gas emissions in the UK will be cut to almost zero by 2050, under the terms of a new government plan to tackle climate change. However, according to leading rail experts in sustainability and rolling stock, Britain's railways could remove diesel-only passenger trains from the network and make substantial progress towards decarbonising their operations by 2040.

Championing sustainability and decarbonisation is a major focus for Rail Alliance and BCRRE, and in partnership with Quinton Rail Technology Centre, the ambition is to provide a space for the industry to come together and discuss, showcase and demonstrate the latest innovation that is taking place right now in rail.

Helen Simpson, Porterbrook's Innovation and Projects Director, said: "Porterbrook is at the forefront of devising technical solutions that will help deliver cleaner and less carbon intensive rolling stock to Britain's railway. We are pleased to be able to work with BCRRE and Rail Alliance on the UK's first expo to focus on Destination Decarbonisation. We also look forward to engaging with SME companies attending this event with a view to building on our reputation for supply chain partnership and collaboration."

The speaker line up for the event includes Mike Noakes (BEIS), David Clarke (Railway Industry Association), Noel Dolphin (Furrer + Frey), Helen Simpson (Porterbrook), Stuart Hillmanson (BCRRE), Pete Mason/David King (Vivarail), Leo Murray (10:10) with Midlands Engine, RSSB, Ricardo, Steamology just some of the other leading organisations involved. There is also an exhibition running alongside this event which will offer delegates the opportunity to find out more about the technologies and innovation being developed (and already available) to reduce and ultimately eliminate carbon emissions on the railway.

If you would also like to find out more about how to register your free place to attend or to exhibit (15% discount for companies with Rail Alliance community partner status), please go to www.railalliance.co.uk