

Rail Supply Group Appoints New Industry Champions Lizi Stewart and Jake Rudham

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The Rail Supply Group (RSG) has announced the appointment of two leading experts to its industry-wide Council – Lizi Stewart, Managing Director of Transportation at Atkins and Jake Rudham, Marketing Director at Unipart Rail.

Jake Rudham becomes the RSG Industry Champion for Export and Inward Investment.

Lizi Stewart becomes the joint RSG Champion for Digital Railway, alongside Rob Morris, Managing Director Rail Infrastructure at Siemens.

Lizi replaces Shaun Jones, Vice President Ground Transportation at Thales who last year started a new role within Thales Group and is therefore stepping down from the Champion role.

Philip Hoare, Chair of the Rail Supply Group and President at Atkins, said: “The Rail Supply Group seeks those talented individuals who can see the bigger picture and collaborate well across the industry and Government to drive tangible change on behalf of the entire rail sector.

"I want to thank Shaun Jones for his diligence and support to the RSG's Digital Pillar and the Council over the last few years, his commitment has enabled us to take some great steps forward to our digital rail future. I warmly welcome Lizi and Jake to RSG Council. Each bring their unique and much needed expertise at a pivotal time for our industry."

Outgoing Digital Pillar Champion, Shaun Jones, said: "It's been a pleasure to work with the RSG and wider Transport Stakeholders to help drive forward the Digital Railway which is such an important industry wide change with passenger experience at its centre. Our industry must continue to collaborate, accelerate technology introduction and innovate to deliver a modern, customer-focused railway."

About his appointment as RSG Industry Champion, Jake Rudham, said: "I am looking forward to making further progress on growing UK rail exports and accelerating the delivery of key RSG initiatives including a mentoring scheme for those companies seeking guidance and support on exporting, made evermore pertinent with the advent of Brexit.

"Also, our employers' 'reference scheme' -whereby significant employers provide work references for UK businesses to support them in winning work overseas. In 2020, Network Rail signed up to the scheme. This year I want to include TfL, Tier 1 suppliers, TOCs and ROSCOs."

About her appointment as RSG Industry Champion, Lizi Stewart, said: "I am delighted to be joining RSG at this time. The Rail Sector Deal sets out ambitious goals that can only be achieved through close collaboration across industry and government. Working with Rob Morris, I look forward to accelerating the pace of our journey to a truly digital railway."

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