

South Western Railway is newest patron of Shaping Portsmouth

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South Western Railway has announced that it is the latest organisation to become a patron of Shaping Portsmouth.

Shaping Portsmouth is a Community Interest Company with a mission to create sustainable collaborations and innovative programmes which make Portsmouth Britain's premier waterfront city in which to invest, live, learn, work and visit. Their small office team is supported by approximately 120 active volunteers, running fifteen programmes to help benefit the city across the sectors of Business, Education, and Community, and supporting a further fourteen external projects.

Find out more at <https://shapingportsmouth.co.uk/>

SWR says it looks forward to sharing its knowledge and the experience it has built up operating in the local communities around the network, through partnerships with Community Rail Groups and by funding projects that deliver real change through its Customer and Community Improvement Fund.

Amy Dickinson, SWR's Head of Sustainability, said: "We are so excited about joining Shaping Portsmouth

as its values and vision reflect our own. We share their desire to bring people together and build them up to deliver great things.

“We are looking forward to collaborating with others to deliver on local initiatives such as climate action, staying safe and offering apprenticeship programmes to give the people in Portsmouth a variety of career options.”

Stef Nienaltowski, CEO of Shaping Portsmouth, adds: “Amy Dickinson and the team from SWR are committed to playing their full part in our Partnership and I know that we will be able to deliver more activities and at a broader level because of their commitment to us and the city.

“The investment they have indicated in terms of support and people will enable us to go further than we can now and at a quicker pace. I am confident that we will build a lasting Partnership across a number of our current programmes.”

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