

TfL Commissioner to speak about leading through a global crisis and towards a green and just recovery

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Transport for London Commissioner Andy Byford will be in conversation with Jo Field, Chief Executive of JFG Communications and President of Women in Transport for the seventh in the Urban Transport *Next* series of events, hosted by Urban Transport Group.

Having stepped into his new role as Commissioner during a global pandemic, this event will explore how Andy steered his team of 27 thousand direct employees, and another 60 thousand contracted employees through the largest peacetime crisis the organisation has seen.

Taking place on Thursday 8th July, 1pm-2pm, this free event will also explore how London's public transport can bounce back from this uniquely challenging time and what will be needed to support a green and just recovery for the capital.

Andy will also be speaking about his vision to create a more diverse and inclusive organisation that reflects the people it serves, something that Interviewer, Jo Field – a former TfL employee and passionate advocate

for diversity in the transport sector – will be keen to explore.

Andy Byford, London's Transport Commissioner, said: "The last year has been a huge challenge for everyone around the country, and has been very hard for everyone working in a transport industry that has had to constantly adapt to keep people safe and keep the country moving.

"Although it is clear that the pandemic is not yet at an end, we can now look to the future and contemplate how transport can and must play a central role in the country's recovery from the pandemic.

"The choices made over transport investment will define the extent to which we achieve a green recovery that is safe and equitable and that helps create new jobs and opportunities for all. Despite the huge challenges facing us, we have the opportunity to build towns and cities – and the connections between them – even better than before."

Jo Field, Chief Executive of JFG Communications and President of Women in Transport, said: "I'm very much looking forward to my conversation with Andy Byford. Having worked for Transport for London for many years myself, I fully appreciate the amazing job the organisation does to move millions of people around London every day.

"As the President of Women in Transport, I'm hugely passionate about creating a more diverse and inclusive transport industry workforce and I'm really keen to hear Andy's plans surrounding this and how it fits with TfL's green recovery."

Jonathan Bray, Director of the Urban Transport Group, added: "With a career in transport spanning three decades and three continents, Andy took on the biggest job in UK urban transport during an unprecedented global crisis. This conversation will uncover what that meant in practice and just how he was able to guide Transport for London through this immensely challenging time. The event offers a chance to look back over the past year, but also forwards towards a green, just recovery for the capital."

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