

Women in Rail chair steps down

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Christine Fernandes has stepped down as chair of the Women in Rail charity, after nearly two years in the role.

Women in Rail was created to improve diversity in the UK rail industry through providing networking opportunities and support for all women within the sector, encourage undertakings and stakeholders to adopt diversity as a business strategy and devising initiatives aimed at positioning rail as an attractive career choice for young people.

Christine said: “After nearly two years I have decided to step down as Chair. I have enjoyed my time and wish Women in Rail every future success. I will continue to support the Charity in a handover capacity in the short – term.”

Shona Clive, vice-chair of the charity, said: “We are hugely grateful to Christine for all her hard work in the last two years. During her time as Chair, Christine has worked hard to continue the charity’s work to improve gender balance and female diversity as well as its commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion throughout the UK railway industry.

“She has also helped us secure additional supporters and sponsors to ensure we continue to be financially

sustainable. Whilst we are sorry Christine has decided to step down, we understand her reasons. The role of Chair is very demanding and it is often challenging to balance its requirements with those of a high-responsibility job.”

Shona will continue as vice-chair of Women in Rail and act as interim chair while the Women in Rail trustees recruit for a new chair.

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