



The objective of the Derby and Derbyshire Rail Forum is to promote the rail industry within the region as a world class centre of excellence.

For over 150 years, Derby and the surrounding areas has had a reputation for excellence in rail engineering, development and manufacture. The foundation of these successes – the skills and qualities of the workforce and outstanding record of innovation and leading edge research – still remains and continues to thrive, expand and grow.

The rail industry has a positive impact in economic terms at a local and regional level by supporting businesses to increase their competitiveness edge and by promoting the products of the rail sector within the UK and overseas. These in turn support employment within the area and providing social and economical stability not just for those employed in the industry, but everyone connected to them.

Today the **Derby & Derbyshire Rail Forum** represents member companies who have expertise within the rail industry. This long tradition of capability in supplying all aspects within the industry continues both from within the United Kingdom and via the overseas networks.

This East Midlands rail cluster centred on Derby has approximately 85 members and the combination of skills, expertise and materials that has underpinned the development and growth of the UK and worldwide rail industries continues to grow.

In one central region, can you find a consultant, manufacturer, supplier, technical expertise, etc all involved in the railway industry and this unique partnership is well placed to satisfy many and varied needs of rail operations. Amongst the many services and products our members can supply are:

- ◆ Rolling Stock Manufacture
- ◆ Rolling Stock Leasing
- ◆ Engineering
- ◆ Consultancy
- ◆ Operation and Management
- ◆ Signalling
- ◆ Communications and Control Systems
- ◆ Legal and Financial Services
- ◆ Heritage
- ◆ Training and Academic
- ◆ Media



Derby & Derbyshire Rail Forum today has approximately 85 members and provides networking opportunities to assist rail sector companies and associated supply chain companies to gain new business and to develop and promote innovative products and services. Covers the East Midlands area and promotes its members and its activities by:

- ◆ **Marketing to domestic and international markets** to develop and expand the Rail Forum activities and identify new business opportunities for Forum members.
- ◆ **Working with national and local government** to continue liaison between local MP's, MEP's, Government departments, relevant local, sub regional partnerships, and the Regional Development Agencies.
- ◆ **Working with other industry bodies and associations** to identify market opportunities, and develop wider trade links with the UK and overseas.
- ◆ **Organising topical workshops and seminars** that offer opportunities for knowledge transfer and networking between members and other parties.
- ◆ **Being first port of call for members** with a dedicated Forum Coordinator and a team of elected Executives who provide the membership with support and advice on the issues affecting the industry and businesses today.
- ◆ **Annual Conference** – Last year saw the 4th Annual Conference held in Derby which allowed the Forum to cover all aspects of the industry and promote some of the successes already achieved.

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Note:

The Derby and Derbyshire Rail Forum was established in 1993 to secure work for Derby's rail industry in the run up to privatisation of the railways when the order books expired and resulted with 1000 days without rolling stock orders which lead to job losses across the supplier industry.