

# FUTURE OF RAIL FREIGHT THE ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

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**PRESENTED BY:**

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**RAIL FREIGHT IS CHANGING, WITH TRADITIONAL MARKETS ON THE WANE AND A GREATER FOCUS ON CONTAINERISED AND RETAIL FREIGHT. THIS BRINGS OPPORTUNITIES, BUT ALSO CHALLENGES, NOT LEAST FROM THE CONGESTED RAIL NETWORK AND THE DEMANDS OF PASSENGER AND FREIGHT CUSTOMERS.**

Responding to this, and staying apace of the ever changing road freight sector means that we have to innovate and change, updating our use of technology and upskilling our staff. In this lecture we will explore how the rail freight sector is addressing these questions, and how the engineering sector can offer support.

## OTHER EVENTS TO LOOK FOR:



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Maggie Simpson is Executive Director at the Rail Freight Group, the representative body for rail freight in the UK. Since joining in 2005, she has been leading work to ensure that Government and rail industry policy is supportive to a growth of rail freight and that member companies of the Group have the opportunity to participate fully in the sector. Previously Maggie worked in a range of passenger and freight roles at the Strategic Rail Authority and OPRAF, including freight strategy development, and franchise management. She has also worked in consultancy.

## PROGRAMME

- 17:30** Registration
- 18:00** Lecture to commence
- 19:00** Q&A
- 19:30** Drinks reception begins
- 21:00** Drinks reception ends

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