

ACoRP Big Society = Community Rail

A one-day conference
Friday 11th February 2011



Hutton Cranswick
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Overview

The Coalition Government's 'Big Society' idea is not new to Community Rail! Many of the ideas suggested have their roots in Community Rail and the transport sector.

But just what is the 'Big Society?' This conference aims to discuss what the concept means, how Community Rail and other partnerships can integrate into the projects, where it may take Community Rail in the coming months and years and how Community Rail can lead in delivering the vision. This could be one of the most valuable conferences you will attend this year!

Speakers:

Norman Baker, MP - Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport (Keynote Address)

Nick Starkey - Office for Civil Society, Cabinet Office

Neil Buxton - ACoRP

Dr Paul Salveson MBE - The Railway Doctor

Ewan Jones - Community Transport Association

Keith Walton - Severnside CRP

Rebecca Catterall - Devon & Cornwall Rail P'ship

Costs

The conference fee for non-members is £200 plus VAT. This includes conference packs, lunch and refreshments during the day. Also included in the price is a place on our pre-conference social event on Thursday evening, but this must be pre-booked on the conference booking form.

ACoRP members and 'Friends of ACoRP' (subscribers) pay £160 plus VAT. We have a special reduced rate of £100 plus VAT for voluntary groups and students who are 'Friends of ACoRP' (contact us for details if you want to befriend us!)

We would like to extend special thanks to **Southern** whose generous support has enabled us to provide some bursary places for our members at £30 plus VAT. The usual conditions apply and all bursaries must be agreed in advance with ACoRP's Events Organiser Hazel Bonner before making your booking (see below for details of how to book).

Eve of conference social - Thursday 10th February (Details to be confirmed)

Key Themes

- What is the 'Big Society' concept and how will it be taken forward?
- How does the 'Big Society' fit into DfT planning/policy?
- Community Rail = 'Big Society'
- 'Big Society' on the ground - Can we do more?
- How does 'Big Society' affect other transport operators and what are they doing?
- Community Rail Action Plan for 'Big Society'
- "The Feeling's Mutual?" - Radical approaches to Rail and Big Society'
- Growing the Big Society
- The 'V Inspired' Project

How To Book:

In order to book on to this conference you will need to do one of the following:

1. Request an electronic or paper booking form by email from hazel@acorp.uk.com
2. Download a booking form from our website www.acorp.uk.com
3. Request a paper booking form to be sent to you by post. Telephone the ACoRP office on **01484 848671**

To request a bursary place or for any other enquiry relating to this conference, please call our Events Organiser, Hazel Bonner on 01484 848671.