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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NATIONAL RAIL CONFERENCE COMES TO SHOREDITCH**

Transport experts from around the country will be meeting in Shoreditch this weekend at a conference about how the railway network can be developed. The rail transport pressure group Railfuture has organised the event with the theme of "Britain's growing railway".

Event organiser Keith Dyall said: "With the East London Line having recently reopened, we felt Shoreditch was a fitting location. This is our annual rail reopenings conference which is an opportunity for rail experts to exchange ideas, and we'll be exploring opportunities for further line reopenings across the country"

Speakers include Trevor Mason from Hertfordshire County Council, who will be talking about improvements to Thameslink and other proposed reopenings such as the Croxley link, and Ian Brown, recently retired Managing Director of TfL London Rail. "We're hoping he'll feel free to really speak his mind" said Keith.

The conference is being chaired by Chris Austin. "Chris is well known within the rail industry, and his experience adds some kudos to our event" , Keith added

This year's event is being held at Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old Street, London EC1V 9LT on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Tickets for the event are £25 including a buffet lunch and refreshments. Booking details can be found at the website [www.railfuture.org.uk](http://www.railfuture.org.uk)

The full list of speakers is:

- Ian Brown, recently retired Managing Director, TfL London Rail "Achieving London's rail vision"
- Steve Murphy, Managing Director, London Overground Rail Operations Ltd.
- Jonathan Roberts, former advisor to the East London Line Group
- David Smith, Rail Planning Manager, Association of Train Operating Companies

- Jim Bamford, Nottinghamshire County Council
- Trevor Mason, Hertfordshire County Council
- Patrick O'Sullivan, Project Manager - East-West Rail Consortium
- Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Passenger Focus

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