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RAIL CAMPAIGNERS CELEBRATE SCOTTISH SUCCESSES

Rail campaigners will be meeting in Stirling to celebrate the many achievements of Scotland's growing railways. The conference, organised by the campaign group *Railfuture*, will be held on Saturday 16th June.

The event location was prompted by the successful reopenings of the Stirling - Alloa and Airdrie - Bathgate lines as well the ongoing project to rebuild the line from Edinburgh southwards to Galashiels and Tweedbank.

Event organiser Trevor Garrod said "Scotland is well ahead of the game when it comes to investing in rail, so it seems like the natural place for our reopenings conference. Some of these significant investments are projects that we've been pushing for for a long time, so we're delighted that we've been listened to. However there's always more to do, and we need more capacity on the rail network in central Scotland, between Edinburgh and Glasgow, to enable more trains to run. This will be the subject of a presentation by Network Rail."

The European dimension will be covered in a presentation on what the European Union can do, and is doing, for train passengers.

Current campaigning by *Railfuture Scotland* will also be the subject of a presentation by Ken Sutherland.

Trevor Garrod, a director of *Railfuture*, added: "We're delighted that the Provost of Stirling has accepted our invitation to open the conference. These events are always a valuable opportunity for rail users from throughout the UK to have dialogue with invited speakers and learn from each other. The Stirling event will be no exception."

The all-day conference will take place at the Golden Lion Hotel, a short walk from Stirling station, and non-members will be welcome.

To book, visit the *Railfuture* website www.railfuture.org.uk/conferences or send a cheque for **£30** (including lunch and other refreshments) to Railfuture, 14 Chedworth Place, Tattlingstone, Suffolk, IP9 2ND.

Railfuture has produced several publications on new stations and lines. The most recent book, Britain's Growing Railway – An A-Z of Reopenings, published in 2010 and mentioning the Scottish reopenings is still available at £9.95 from www.railfuture.org.uk/books.

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Railfuture's President is Christian Wolmar, the well-known writer on rail issues. Its Vice Presidents include several retired train company chief executives, transport experts, MPs and MEPs from all main political parties and the former Secretary of State for Transport Lord Adonis. A full list of the *Railfuture* presidents can be found on our web-site at <http://www.railfuture.org.uk/tiki-index.php?page=vice%20presidents>.

Railfuture campaigns for Britain's railways to play a larger role for passengers and freight, calling for an enhanced and expanded network, including high-speed rail, along with light rail.

Rail is a vital part of an integrated efficient transport system serving a modern, vibrant, environmentally sustainable economy. We are pro-rail but not anti-road. *Railfuture* maintains that investment in rail travel and rail freight is vital to the future of the UK economy and environment.

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