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West Midlands Railway passengers invited to join webinar on future of rail

West Midlands Railway (WMR) passengers are being invited to join a webinar discussing the future of rail featuring leading industry experts next week.

The event, titled "Restoring Confidence in Rail" will consider the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the industry and what the future may hold when passenger numbers begin to increase again.

Among the speakers at the event will be WMR managing director Julian Edwards, Peter Wilkinson from the Department for Transport and Robert

Nisbet, from the Rail Delivery Group.

Fay Easton, head of stakeholder and community for WMR, said: "Throughout the pandemic we have been working closely with our communities and stakeholders to keep everyone up to date with the latest developments in the rail industry and with what Covid-19 has meant for our services.

"This event is a great opportunity to take a long-term view of what happens next in the industry and to hear from a wide range of expert speakers from both inside and outside our business."

The online event takes place from 9.45-11.45am on Friday 13 November. Registration is free - to sign up visit <https://www.bigmarker.com/ba-events/Restoring-Confidence-in-Rail-Conference>

About West Midlands Trains

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- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast Main Line to and from London Euston.
- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street and Birmingham Snow Hill.

For more information on these services visit westmidlandsrailway.co.uk or londonnorthwesternrailway.co.uk

The West Midlands Trains franchise started on 10 December 2017 and will run until 2025/26. Over the course of the franchise, West Midlands Trains will be investing £1 billion into the rail network to deliver new trains, improved

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