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Consultation on the formalisation of the Railway Delivery Group

The Young Railway Professionals (YRP) was founded in 2009 to bring together young people from across the global railway industry, starting with young members from across the UK's railway related institutions. With a network of over 1350 young people spread across the world, it is the comprehensive network for young people from across rail to build relationships, further their careers, and to work together to promote the industry, securing its future and the skills that are so desperately needed.

The YRP expanded rapidly from small beginnings through the investment of young railway volunteers and continues to grow as the organisation raises its profile both within the UK rail industry and internationally. As the rail mode experiences a sustained period of growth and investment, YRP helps to ensure the foundation of strong and enduring relationships between multi-disciplinary, rail-related organisations, and best practice is shared across the world through a vibrant network of young and enthusiastic rail employees.

The Young Railway Professionals are pleased to respond to the ORR's consultation and:

- *recognise the valuable work the Rail Delivery Group (RDG) is engaged in to take forward the key recommendations of the McNulty review.*

The YRP are keen to play an active part in shaping the direction of our industry's future, and recognise that the work of the RDG has a direct impact on our future careers.

- *are eager to see a continuation of the industry engagement and cooperation seen to date*

but stress the importance of ensuring that RDG represents the whole industry including the supply chain.

The YRP has established itself with a clear aim of engaging all areas of our industry, and is hoping that the RDG might be the first leadership level organisation to do so.

- *welcome in particular the RDG's proposal to introduce a cross-industry graduate training scheme.*

The YRP has been working hard to build relationships across industry sectors through our members who recognise the key benefits of working together, both in achieving efficiencies, but also leveraging excellence in training, recruitment and industry promotion. Specifically to this end, the YRP has developed a strong relationship with the National Skills Academy for Railway Engineering (NSARE) and is working together with NSARE through our Ambassadors programme.

- *hope that the RDG Secretariat will continue to engage with industry stakeholders*

The YRP's membership represents individuals with a high stake in the future direction of our industry and wishes to see RDG engage with us in its discussions and decision making.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. The YRP exists to secure a successful and world leading industry for the future.

Yours Sincerely,

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