

Dear Tim,

I would like to offer our support from Train2Train in both direct collaboration and offering insight for Downs Light Railway Trust's Centenary Development Programme.

Train2Train is looking to support opportunities across the heritage and miniature railway world for all young people to gain skills and self-confidence through hands on engineering and railway operations.

Our primary role is to facilitate communications, sharing best practice and supporting activities and events between likeminded groups. These currently include the Boiler Education & Skills Training Trust apprenticeships, National Skills Academy, an increasing number of heritage railways, and the Hereford Society of Model Engineers.

Train2Train would like to bring all these parties together at the Downs Light Railway to share best practice by demonstrating the wonderful value you offer in delivering hands on opportunities for young railway engineers.

Train2Train would like to support the building and development of miniature railways and engineering learning centres at heritage railways. We are looking to promote work experience and traineeships between the National Skills Academy for Rail and the heritage lines. We are also active in supporting and delivering national rail graduate training at both heritage and miniature railway locations.

We would like to offer our support to the Downs Light Railway's Centenary Development programme. We see the Downs Light Railway as central to engaging young people locally and nationally via hands on training events and skills development. We see the Downs Light Railway as an exemplar for engaging young people and we would like to help share the best practice you have developed with other railways. We are keen to publicising your work and events via

our social media, and we would like to offer help with developing your contacts with railway infrastructure companies and national railways/Network Rail for STEM education. This will provide clear links between your work with young people and raising awareness of future careers opportunities within the heritage and national rail industries.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Dickson', with a horizontal line underneath.

Peter Dickson