



## Downs Light Railway Trust

Practical Learning |  
Youth Engagement |  
Community Involvement |

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Dear Peter,

It was great to talk to you with Eleanor on our recent call. It is evident that the Downs Light Railway Trust and Train2Train share common goals and can complement each other with different offerings.

I would like to propose that we work together to further our mutual aims and objectives together under the auspices of a national engagement initiative. The Downs Light Railway Trust offers this initiative the following specialisms to support young people from the age of 7 years:

- Railway maintenance and operation exposure for young people.
- Qualification driver training structure for young people.
- Personal protective clothing development lead for young people.
- Locomotive and railway operation training standards for young people.
- Supervision and assessment training standards for adults engaging young people.
- Safeguarding promotion and education.
- Model example of a practical education initiative alongside conventional primary and secondary level academics for national promotion.
- Facilitation of seminars and summits at The Downs Malvern, subject to the agreement of the school, or virtually via our Microsoft O365 Teams platform.

Our Centenary Development Programme's aim is to focus on expanding three core areas: practical learning, youth engagement, and community involvement. The Downs Light Railway reaches its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025. We plan to use this milestone to start realising the programme's aims by being in a better position to contribute our specialisms to a national initiative. We would appreciate assistance with our fundraising and promotion to realise this programme. In doing so, we would also appreciate help in expanding our industry links, increasing the involvement of specialist volunteers, and linking up our charitable activities with other likeminded initiatives.

We would be happy to promote our association with Train2Train through an exchange of logos for use on each of our websites and associated promotional material where appropriate.

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We look forward to working with you for mutual benefit. Together we can offer unified approach to engaging young people into heritage railways and the wider industries of the UK, helping alleviate the growing skills gaps.

Yours sincerely,

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