

**Draft programme**

**TreSPAD Launch Conference**

**4 June 2025**

**National Railway Museum**

**York, G.B.**



**08:30 – 09:30 Registration**

**09:30 – 10:30 Opening of the Conference by the Organising Committee**

- Mr. Martin Frobisher, Network Rail Safety and Engineering Director
- Mr. Johnny Schute, RSSB Chief Operating Officer
- Ms. Charlotte Kingston, Head of Public Programmes and Communications at National Railway Museum
- Dr. Ann Mills, Deputy Director System Safety & Health at RSSB; Chair of the UIC TreSP-Network and Vice Chair of the UIC Safety Platform and Ms. Isabelle Fonverne, Senior Advisor Safety, ILCAD and TRESPAD Project Manager, UIC

**10:30 – 10:50**

1. **Ms. Nicola Brady, Senior Operational Manager, Transport for London (TfL), U.K.:** *“Exploring academic opportunity to better understand suicide prevention” 20’*

**10:50– 11:10**

2. **Ms. Louise Mc Nally, Suicide and Trespass Prevention Lead, Network Rail, U.K.:** *“Creation of Suicide and Trespass Management Framework” 20’*

**Session Q.A. 15’**

**11:25 – 11:55 Coffee break**

**Exhibition**

**11:55 – 12:15**

- 3. Dr. Laura Joyner, Research fellow at Middlesex University, U.K.:** *“Can surveillance help identify suicidal behaviour on the railways ? Insights from a psychological autopsy study and systematic review 20’*

**12:15 – 12:35**

- 4. Dr. Bethany Cliffe, Research fellow at University of Westminster, U.K.:** *“The Use of Smart Surveillance Technologies for Suicide Prevention on the Railways and Other High-risk Locations: Findings from a Survey and Focus Group.” 20’*

**12:35 – 12:55**

- 5. Mr. Adam Swallow, Chief Inspector, Central Disruption Team and Drone Safety Team, British Transport Police (BTP):** *“Drones in Policing” 25’*

**Session Q.A. 20’**

**13:15– 14:15 Lunch break**

**Exhibition**

**14:15 – 14:35**

- 6. Mr. Kurt Topel, Independent Rail Safety Researcher, Chicagoland Rail Safety Team, USA:** *“Whether Werther? Examining the Impact of Local Media Coverage on Rail Death Clusters in Southern California” 20’*

**14:35 – 14:55**

- 7. Mr. Nils La Cour, Senior Safety Advisor, Danish State Railways (DSB), DK:** *“Experience from 18 month of persons on tracks detection” 20’*

**14:55 – 15:15**

- 8. Dr. Danijela Baric, Professor at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, Croatia:** *“Trespassing and suicides on the railway network in Croatia” 20’*

**Q.A. 15’**

**15:30 – 16:00 Afternoon tea/coffee**

**Exhibition**

**16:00 – 16:20**

- 9. Ms. Katy Baker, Account Director, Storycatchers, U.K. and Ms. Donna Mitchell, Senior Media Campaigns Manager:** *“Tales of the unexpected: how disruptive bespoke campaign strategies reduce trespass” 20’*

**16:20 – 16:40**

- 10. Ms. Catherine Gillard, Communication Project Manager and Mr. Gaetan Van Overmeiren, Team Lead operational Safety, INFRABEL, Belgium:** *“Railway Intrusions in Belgium - Insights & Innovations in Awareness” 20’*

**16:40 – 17:00**

- 11. Mr. Stuart Heaton, Managing Director, Learn Live Ltd, U.K.** *“Every child deserves the knowledge to be safe around the railway.” 20’*  
Rail Safe Friendly, a programme run by Learn Live, aims to educate children about the dangers of trespassing on railways through engaging digital content delivered directly to the classroom. <https://railsafefriendly.com/>

**Session Q.A. 15’**

**17:15 – 17:30**

**12. Practical Information**

**End of TreSPAD day: 17:30**

**18:00 - 20:00 Cocktail at the Museum**