



Campaign for
Better Transport 



It is 50 years since the notorious Beeching Report changed the face of the country's railways. Join political insiders, industry leaders and opinion formers at two special events to discuss the changes Beeching brought about – developments as well as closures - and hear about the re-emergence of rail as a transport for the 21st century.

EVENT 1: 50 years of Beeching, Science Museum, London

11 March 2013 - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

What are the enduring lessons from the Beeching report of the last 50 years, and in particular:

- Why were some voices in Government so keen to close down the railways?
- How did railways fight back and flourish again?
- How can investment transform the railways in the future?

Join Michael Palin and our expert panel of

- Lord Adonis - Former Transport Secretary
- David Higgins - Chief Executive, Network Rail
- Lord Faulkner – Co-author of 'Holding the Line' a political history of the railways
- Lindsay Durham - Head of Strategy, Freightliner

To book: www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visitmuseum/events/talks/beeching.aspx
(Tickets £5)

EVENT 2: Back on track, National Railway Museum, York

27 March 2013, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

What impact did Beeching have on communities up and down the country? How are communities developing the services they kept and reopening what was lost?

Join novelist Andrew Martin and our expert panel of

- Keith Brown MSP - Transport Minister in Scottish Government
- Rob Warnes - Planning and Performance Director, Northern Rail
- Alan Whitehouse - BBC transport correspondent (chair)
- Prof. Paul Salveson - Writer, academic and rail campaigner
- Lord Faulkner – Co-author of 'Holding the Line' a political history of the railways

Booking: www.nrm.org.uk/PlanaVisit/Events/beechinglecture.aspx
(tickets are free, but booking is required)

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