



Young People and Heritage Railways QSD on 5 June 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Faulkner of Worcester to ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the report of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Heritage Rail, *Engaging the Next Generation: Young People and Heritage Railways*.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- All-Party Parliamentary Group on Heritage Rail, [Engaging the Next Generation: Young People and Heritage Railways](#), July 2018, pp 4–5, 20–25

Key findings, executive summary, conclusions and recommendations from the All-Party Parliamentary Group's (APPG) report on young people and heritage railways. Recommendations include repealing the section of the Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act 1920 that prevents young people under the age of 16 from working on railways.

- [Report Stage of the 'National Citizen Service Bill \[HL\]'](#), HC Hansard, 15 March 2017, cols 479–82

Hansard transcript from report stage in the House of Commons covering an amendment to the National Citizen Service Bill (which became the National Citizen Service Act 2017). The amendment, tabled by Nicky Morgan, Conservative MP for Loughborough and chair of the APPG on heritage rail, would have created an exemption to the 1920 Act to allow young people under 16 to volunteer on railways as part of the scheme. The amendment was withdrawn after debate.

- All-Party Parliamentary Group on Heritage Rail, [The Social and Economic Value of Heritage Railways](#), July 2013, pp 4–6, 11–13 and 45

Key recommendations, executive summary, background and appendix two (which gives the location of heritage railways in the United Kingdom and Ireland) of the APPG's 2013 report on the value of heritage railways. Recommendations include the establishment of National Vocational Qualifications in railway heritage engineering and operational skills.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- House of Commons, '[Written Question: Voluntary Work: Young People](#)', 20 February 2017, 63672
- [Report Stage of the 'National Citizen Service Bill \[HL\]'](#), HL *Hansard*, 7 December 2016, cols 851–6

Press Articles and Comment

- Department for Transport, '[Minister Nusrat Ghani's Speech to the Women in Rail Awards: Rail Can No Longer Be a Male Preserve](#)', 16 May 2019
- Stephen McGrath, '[Britain's Heritage Railways are Booming. But a Demographic Timebomb Looms](#)', CityMetric, 4 February 2016
- SA Mathieson, '[Heritage Railways and Trains Keep Britain's Golden Age of Steam Alive](#)', *Guardian*, 26 May 2017

Further Information

- Department for Transport, [Connecting Communities with the Railways: The Community Rail Development Strategy](#), November 2018, pp 36–7
- Heritage Railway Association, [Annual Statistical Survey 2016](#), 2017; and [Guidance Note—Working With Young Volunteers](#), December 2015

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