

# Managing Category A Events at Cardiff Central

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On Wednesday, 11 February 2026, the South West & Wales Area Council organised a very well-attended event at the superb and appropriate location of the Principality Stadium in Cardiff.

A collaborative team of speakers representing the British Transport Police (Lewis Parsons), Network Rail (Alice Worsley), and Great Western Railway (Jon Godden) was superbly orchestrated by Georgie Wills from the TFW Event Planning Team, detailing the work and effort required to manage category A events at Cardiff Central safely and efficiently. The importance and success of the wider railway family all working together was clearly demonstrated.



The team highlighted the planning and organisation for each event starts at least 6 months out, and the plan to be delivered is based on a wealth of data that has been built up over the years. Passengers arriving for rugby matches, football games, and concerts can be in excess of 30,000, and the same departing afterwards.



The criticality of good management of the various queues through the barrier system in the square outside

the station and the efficient loading of platforms and trains is key to keeping crowds moving and trains running (to time!).

Our thanks to Levi Hubbard for organising the event and the four excellent speakers: Georgie, Jon, Alice, and Lewis. It was very rewarding to see over 70 attendees representing many organisations and functions across the railway, especially the numbers present in the younger age group.



POD Sections covered during this event:

*03: Delivering Passenger & Freight Services*

*04: Managing Safety*

*05: Delivering Customer Services*

*06: Operational Planning & Timetabling*