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Dear Engineering Contact,

The heritage sector faces many challenges just now but if it is to have a future it must commit to more and better engineering training. To that end BESTT is planning a "New directions in Training" event for 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Ironbridge Gorge Museum in Coalbrookdale and I am inviting you to join us.

We will be looking at topics such as extending the current range of BESTT short courses to cover diesel loco, sustainability (eg energy and fuel) challenges, training for under 18s, needs and solutions across the wider industrial heritage sector and speakers will include Chief Mechanical Engineers from several heritage railways. The aim of the event is to look at areas where there is a training gap and where we could realistically do more.

We hope to have a behind the scenes tour of the heritage engineering at Blists Hill after lunch.

The event is FREE but please reply to reserve a place and to get further details.

Best regards

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