

## Ben Woods



Ben has spent 14 years working in the rail sector. Starting his career with a rolling stock leasing company (ROSCO), the majority of his career has been with train operating companies (TOCs), leading maintenance and overhaul teams, collaborating with the supply chain.

### Specialisations:

- Rolling stock fleet management, reliability, performance improvement, cost control, maintenance practice and process, organisational structure, quality and safety management systems.
- Change management, organisational culture and employee engagement within the rolling stock maintenance and fleet management context; approaches to delivering improvement and responding to changing business needs.
- Supply chain management. Railway systems integration, interface with infrastructure and its maintenance and management.

### Profession

Engineer

### Current Position

Principle Consultant

### Joined IPEX

September 2017

Ben is able to draw upon his experience of developing and implementing solutions from a wide array of challenges. He is customer focused, comfortable engaging with all stakeholders.

### Nationality

British

### Qualifications

BEng Mechanical Engineering, University of Leeds, 2004.

Level 5 Diploma, Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM), 2016.

Prince2 Practitioner

### Professional Associations

CEng, Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), 2009.

Member, Permanent Way Institute (PWI).

Associate Member, Institute of Asset Management (IAM).

### Rail projects:

**West Coast Partnership Bid** – Providing ongoing support for the rolling stock solution. Producing an innovative, high quality and highly deliverable bid proposal.

**Network Rail, Route Asset Manager [Track]** – Crossing over the wheel/rail interface, Ben proved his ability to adapt and appropriately apply engineering and leadership principles to win Network Rail's internal award for 'Track Transformation'.

**Arriva Trains Wales, Interim Engineering Director** – Ben provided continuity and strategic leadership, contributing at board level. He provided a smooth transition whilst keeping the teams moving forward.

**Arriva Trains Wales, Head of Engineering** – Accountable for fleet performance and safety, Ben provided technical leadership. He worked closely with Production colleagues to introduce a planning led approach and a continuous improvement culture. Experience was gained in the successful introduction and application of RCM2 practices, safely extending maintenance periodicities and improving reliability.

**East Midlands Trains, Depot Manager** – Ben ran 'Eastcroft PLC' an internal business delivering improved MTIN and NPS scores through record levels of staff engagement. All this whilst moving the depot operations to accommodate a 40 day blockade of the Nottingham area.

**East Midlands Trains, Heavy Maintenance Project Manager** - Managing the full refurbishment and enhancement packages for the regional fleet through a third party over hauler and then latterly directly in-house. Ben completed projects to time, to budget, to specification.

