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*A disabled peoples' campaign for continued
access at rail stations*

Press Release

**“We Don’t Want to Journey Back to the 1950’s”
“Even the Guard’s Van was Better than Nothing”**

Date: Wednesday 18th April 2018

Times: 10:00am at Brentford Station (Photo Op) local people rally at Brentford Station

10:45am Photo Op (all boarding train)

11:00am Wheelchair users gain access to ramps and travel to Waterloo Station

12:00pm Main demonstration at Waterloo Station

South Western Railway which is threatening to ditch their "No Guard, No Train" policy; opening the way for trains to run without a guard on board. Such a decision will affect accessibility at many stations (including Brentford).



“I have been using Brentford Station since it became fully accessible in 2009 when I first started using an electric wheelchair outdoors. I will not be able to use the station without being sure I can get on the train, so soon it will no longer be an option, which makes me very sad”

Sally O’ Connor (pictured in blue)

No Guards, No Access

Brentford Station is one of the few step-free stations in West London. It is also unstaffed, so the guard currently gets out of the train, unlocks the ramp located on the platform, or gets the one from inside the train and positions it for wheelchair access. The decision from South Western Railways to employ less guards will make trains going from Brentford Station inaccessible for disabled people on many occasions.

For many, this will add uncertainty to their journeys, visiting the Southbank with all it has to offer, to getting to work, and will mean an **end to our right to turn-up-and-go like everyone else**.

The message to South Western Railway is don’t axe access at Brentford Station, or any other station

- We want Turn-Up-And-Go assistance guaranteed.
- We want the presence of guards on board the trains to be guaranteed.
- We want staff at stations.