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Industry looks to the future on day two of Multimodal 2023

The buzz of the Multimodal Awards carried over into day two of the 2023 event, with queues forming before doors opened. Making the most of the excellent rail and road links to the NEC in Birmingham, the second day of Multimodal welcomed a high number of overseas visitors who joined their UK counterparts to visit the sell-out exhibition and free conference sessions.

Over 320 businesses are attending the event, which runs from 13th to 15th June, which brings together businesses, thought leaders and associations from across the supply chain industry. It provides an opportunity for cargo owners and shippers to meet and network with supply chain industry representatives who are exhibiting over the three days.

The returning exhibitors include Maritime Transport, Malcolm Logistics, Maersk, G&W, DP World, Peel Ports, CMA CGM, COSCO, MSC, CEVA, DSV, Kerry Logistics, Ocean Network Express, CCL, K+N, ABP, Swain, Forth Ports, Montgomery Transport, Samskip, Howard Tenens, Port of Antwerp-Bruges, IAG Cargo, Uniserve and Descartes.

They have been joined by several first-time Multimodal exhibitors, including Nolan Transport, PwC, MG Invest, Calais Promotion, 3squared, ErgoPack, Miran Logistics, Ziegler Group, ICL and Payoneer.

Each of the conference sessions, which took place over four theatres, were very well attended, thanks to a raft of cutting-edge speakers discussing a range of topics spanning shipping and logistics. New for 2023 is the Google Digital Garage which is offering skills training and mentoring for any visitor who is interested in upskilling their digital knowledge.

Over in the Logistics UK Conference theatre, sessions included topics spanning rail, waterways and coastal shipping and freeports. Maggie Simpon, OBE, Director General of Rail Freight Group led the session on Rail's Digital Future, with the panel

discussion how the rail freight sector can make progress, what is already happening and the opportunity ahead.

The Freeport session was popular, with Kate Jennings, Policy Director of Logistics UK leading the discussion around the opportunities offered, how freeports can support UK trade and economic growth, and what the future holds.

In the Multimodal Conference Theatre, the Customs Declaration Service Export and Transit Workshop was one of the busiest sessions of the day, with the first visitors of the day attending. The session, led by Simon Adams and Peter MacSwiney from ASM, focused on the latest updates around NCTS Phase 5 and CDS exports. Joined by representatives from HMRC, the session shared best practice, industry insights and how to prepare for the implementation of CDS exports later in the year.

In the IOE&IT conference area, Laura Williams, Academy Trade & Customs specialist shared insights on the UK's new approach to import controls. All sessions were well attended, including Samantha Hodgkin's session on how the UK's new freeports will support manufactures.

Multimodal 2023 Event Director Robert Jervis shared his thoughts in the second day, commenting: "Following the excitement of last night's Awards ceremony, there has been a huge buzz in the Hall today. Visitors were here early to make the most of the day, with a higher level of footfall than normal around the exhibitor stands. There has also been a huge appetite for the various seminars and discussions in the conference theatres, with standing room only for many sessions.

"Each year we carefully plan the conference programme, presenting a mixture of sessions which are informative and insightful. Visitors were extremely engaged and happy to ask questions and add feedback. Multimodal offers something for every visitor and this year has been better than ever."

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About MULTIMODAL

Since 2008, Multimodal has successfully built a supply chain and logistics community of shippers, retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers, importers and exporters alongside the suppliers who support them.

The three-day show between 13th and 15th June 2023 offers a unique opportunity to make valuable face-to-face contact with new prospects and existing companies.

Shippers and cargo owners attend to improve their businesses through finding ways of moving their products more efficiently and by meeting new suppliers.

Multimodal represents every logistics sector under one roof; it is characterised by key vertical sectors, including manufacturing, retail, agribusiness, chemical, automotive, electronics, FMCG, food & drink, fashion, pharmaceuticals, construction, aerospace, energy, real estate, recycling, paper/print and perishables, whilst horizontally, the show covers all modes of transportation, including sea, road, rail, air, and inland waterways.

This matrix design makes Multimodal incredibly valuable and accessible for shippers – whilst also affording them the opportunity to successfully meet and network with peers from other sectors, which is another key reason for their attendance.

Multimodal delivers a highly crafted and bespoke series of seminars targeted at helping supply chains run more efficiently, as well as offering two networking events, the Multimodal Awards, and the Multimodal Mixer.

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