Background

- Geography and geospatial technology in disaster risk management (DRM)
- Community of risk-focused professionals and academia
- Cross-sector membership
- Promote best practice and geography as a professional discipline
- Discover common approaches
- Support early career development

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DRM-PPG members

- 89 members registered with the RGS-IBG and 262 in the LinkedIn Group
- Members include 53 Fellows of the Society, of which 25 are Chartered Geographers
- Broad representation across sectors

![DRM PPG members by sector](image)
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## Review on Progress

**Proposed plan of activities**

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**Update on activities**

| Establishing links with RSPSoc, Risk-KAN Early Warning Systems Group and others, MapAction |
| 1 hour Launch webinar in December 2020 Establishment of LinkedIn group (>250 members) |
| 3x ‘Fireside chat’ 1 hour webinars run with (~40-100 attendees per event) 1 x RSPSoc annual conference session 1 x webinar on early careers 1 x roundtable webinar with Cabinet Office |
| 3 x Fireside chat blogs + recordings (3 more to come) 8 x Profiles of women in disaster risk for International Women’s Day 1 x blog for International day of DRR |
| Evening lecture (Covid permitting) Careers profiles and resources on the website |
Summary of Activities 2021

5 Fireside Chats
- 1 hour panel events (12.00-13.00)
- 19 speakers so far
- 40 to 100 attendees per event
- Sessions recorded and written up as blog posts

Communicating and understanding risk in dynamic situations
This case study summarises the key themes discussed by our panelists at the first Fireside Chat, organised by the Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group in February 2021.

Disaster Risk Pooling - enabling mutual cross border resilience
This case study summarises the key themes discussed by our panelists at the second Fireside Chat, organised by the Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group in April 2021.

Disaster risk reduction
The third in the Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group's Fireside Chat series.

Free to access, Professional Interest Talks, 2021

Compound risk: dynamic exposure and vulnerability
In the fourth Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group's Fireside Chat, the panel discusses the topic of compounding risk, with a particular focus on dynamic exposure and vulnerability.

Climate change and implications for disaster risk management
In the Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group's fifth Fireside Chat event, our expert panel discuss the implications of climate change for evolving disaster risks and disaster risk management.

UPCOMING - COVID-19 pandemic: What have we learnt from a risk management perspective?
Join us on 10 December for the final Fireside Chat of the year.
Summary of Activities 2021

Cabinet Office Roundtable:
Re/insurance approaches to inform the National Security Risk Assessment methodology review
8 speakers
Report


- Alan Godfrey, Head of Group Casualty and Cyber Exposure Management, Axis Capital
- Emma Watkins, Head of Exposure Management, Portfolio Risk Management at Lloyd’s of London
- Dr Emma Bergin, Flood Risk Specialist, Flood Re
- Dr Raveem Ismail, Head of Parametric Underwriting at ASR Re
- Dr Nicola Ranger, Deputy Director of the Centre for Greening Finance and Investment, Oxford Sustainable Finance Programme
- Cabinet Office Civil Contingencies Secretariat: Oli Brown
- Royal Academy of Engineering: Dr Marie-Laure Hicks and Dr Alexandra Smyth
Summary of Activities 2021

- 8 career profiles of women in disaster risk reduction for International women’s day 2021.

https://www.rgs.org/imaggeographer/?categories=DisasterRiskManagement&loadall=1&pageindex=1
Climate-related disasters have almost doubled compared to the previous twenty years, exacerbating inequalities within and between countries…We need urgent collective action, political leadership, and financing.
Summary of Activities 2021

- LinkedIn Group
- >260 members as of November 2021
- Posts on related events
- Group members using disaster risk management practices across academia, government, NGO and private sectors
Summary of Activities 2021

Early Career Development

- Early careers webinar with university students across the U.K. organised by the RGS sharing experiences from our DRM-PPG committee members (link here)
- 8 'I am a geographer' profiles focussed on women in DRM (link here)
- Early careers sub-group of DRM-PPG volunteers starting to collate material for a resource page on the RGS website
Themes you suggested at kick off meeting

- Climate change (and COP26 engagement)
- Resilience and adaptation
- Early warning systems and crisis response
- Emergency management, local & municipal risk planning and response
- Reaching marginalised groups e.g. low-income backgrounds
- International engagement opportunities including NGOs, other international bodies
- Pre-degree student engagement e.g., Geography ambassador scheme *Careers profiles?*

2022 – Things to come

- Establish and develop further DRM-PPG sub-groups, e.g. communicating risks, career development, cross-sectoral risk management
- Develop an international reach
- Engage more with other organisations e.g. MapAction, RSPSoc, Risk-KAN Early Warning Systems, etc.
- Establishment of an early careers event community
- Continuation of Firesides, roundtables, blogs
- Inclusion of in-person networking type events linked with Monday night lectures
- RGS conference and focus on disaster risk