Disaster Risk Management
Professional Practice Group

Inaugural meeting with founding members
11th December 2020
Agenda

1. Introductions - 20-30 seconds each
2. Background and operational framework of the group
3. Themes and subjects covered
4. Proposals for activities
5. Discussion of the launch event
6. Any other business
Introductions

- 20-30 seconds each
- What do you do?
- What do you expect to get out of the group?

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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
Operational Framework

- Committee: 2 Co-chairs & 4 Secretaries (no fewer than 3 members)
- Founding members: YOU! (minimum 20 RGS Fellows)
- Expectation: actively develop this group
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) and annual report of activities
- Links with other associations
- Other interested persons to take part in group activities

Royal Geographical Society

Constitution of the Disaster Risk Management PPG
Themes and considerations

- **Assets and exposure at risk**
  - Physical assets, population, urbanisation

- **Emergency preparedness/ Disaster risk reduction**
  - Hazard scenario planning, geographic data use

- **Event monitoring and post damage assessment**

- **Communicating and understanding risk**
  - Communicating uncertainty through visualisation

- **Other relevant subjects?**

- **Sectors covered (local/national government, insurance, engineering, NGOs/humanitarian) and language used around disaster risk management**

- **Use of geospatial technologies, geographic data**

- **Applicability to RGS members and RGS networks**

- **Interest to early careers professionals**

- **Continuing professional development (CPD)**
Proposals for activities

- Plan of proposed activities / anticipated outcomes
- Events and frequency
- Thought leadership / white papers
- Your ideas?

### Proposed plan of activities

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<td>Formation and first meeting of the PPG; establishing links with other Societies and Bodies</td>
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<td>Networking event to promote the PPG to society members</td>
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<td>Webinar covering one of the themes of the PPG e.g. disaster preparedness and risk reduction</td>
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<td>Online promotional article/blog/new items on topics from the event/webinar</td>
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<td>Months 18-24</td>
<td>Evening lecture covering one (or more) of the themes</td>
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Engagement

● Ideas to bring in more members
● Members involvement / time commitment
● Early careers paths - links to universities
● Frequency of contact
  ○ Suggestion for quarterly meetings during 1st year and AGM (then review)
● Sharing content on social media (LinkedIn)
● Your ideas?
5. Discussion of the launch event

- Overview of the group
- What should our first event be?
  - Assets and exposure at risk
  - Emergency preparedness/ Disaster risk reduction
  - Event monitoring and post damage assessment
  - Communicating and understanding risk
  - Something else?
- When? Q1 2021. Very likely to be a webinar
- Would you be interested in speaking?
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