An aerial photograph of a coastal area showing significant debris and destruction. In the foreground, there is a large pile of rubble, including wooden planks, metal sheets, and other debris. Several buildings with damaged roofs are visible, some with blue and red roofs. A road with a white car and a blue trash bin is on the right. The background shows more buildings and a body of water on the left.

Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group

**Annual General Meeting
3rd December 2025**

**Royal
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Advancing geography
and geographical learning

Agenda

1. Purpose
2. Election of committee members
3. Annual Review of activity
4. Forward plan
5. AOB

Purpose of the Disaster Risk Management PPG

- 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
- Explore common approaches
- Support early career development



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Operational Framework

- Committee: 2 Co-chairs & 4 Secretaries (no fewer than 3 members)
- Members: YOU! (~100 members and ~800 LinkedIn members)
- 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



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DRM PPG Committee Members



Kelvin Wong
Honorary Chair



Chris Ewing
Honorary Vice-Chair



William Forde
Honorary Co-Secretary



Richard Teeuw
Honorary Co-Secretary



Vanessa Pilley
Co-opted member



Hannah Jordan
Co-opted member



Ian Greatbatch
Co-opted member



Bayes Ahmed
Co-opted member

Changes to Committee for 2025/26

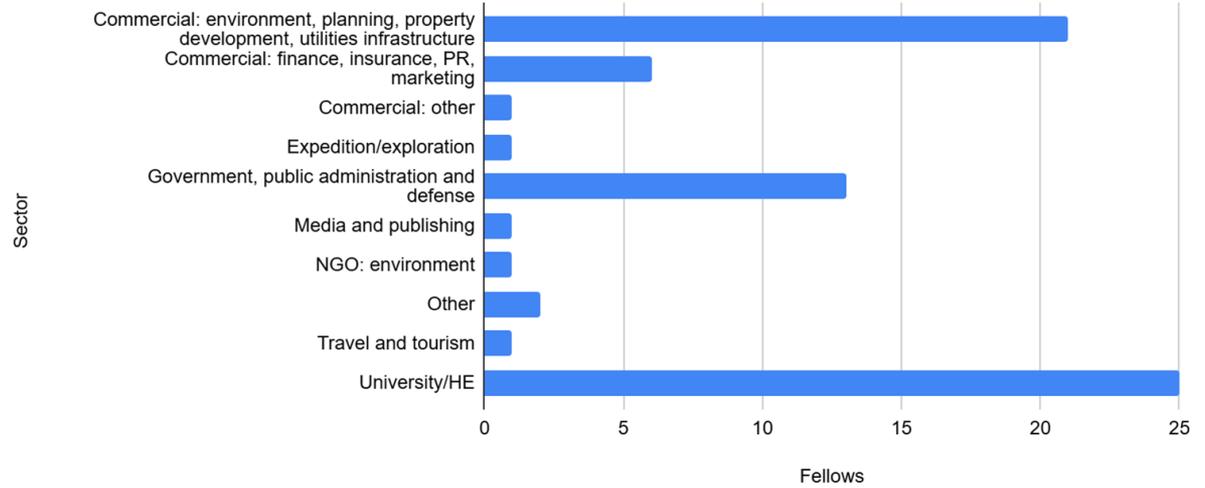
- **New Chair, with Kelvin Wong stepping down**
 - Co-Chair: Chris Ewing taking on the Chair role

- **Voting-in new committee members**
 - Co-opted member nominations received: Tina Thomson and Matthew Foote

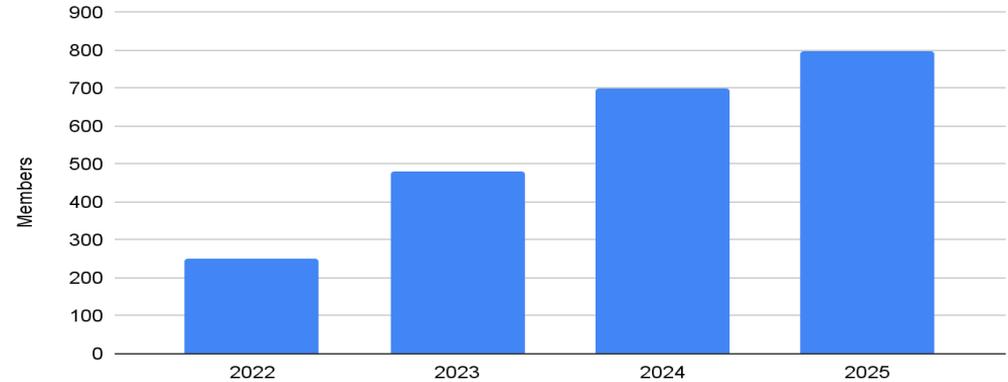
Members



DRM PPG Members by Sector

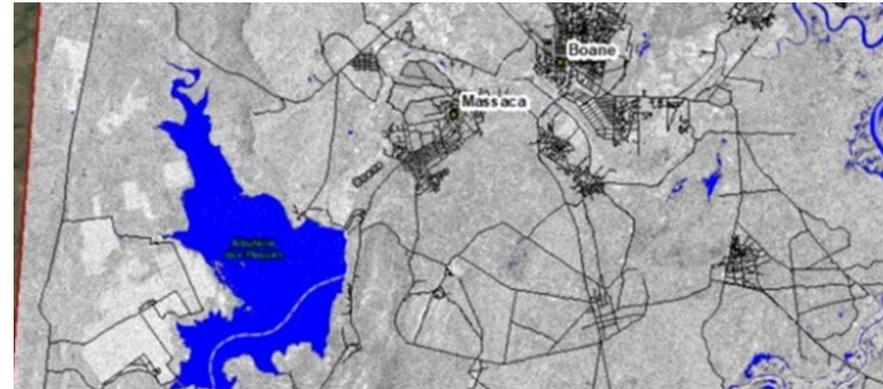


DRM PPG LinkedIn Group Members



Event: Uses of remote sensing in emergency and disaster management

- 21st January 2025 at the RGS, hosted by Richard Teeuw and Ian Greatbatch
- Over 75 people attended
- Guest speakers from Ordnance Survey, British Geological Survey, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, West Midlands Fire Service, ICEYE, AGI, RSPSoc, Gallagher, MapAction, Humanitarian OpenStreetMap



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Uses of remote sensing in emergency and disaster management

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Activities in 2026

Event #1 - Wednesday February 18th 2026 at the RGS - *Geospatial Intelligence for Crisis Response* - registration details coming

More coming:

- Series of webinars
- Use Geography Series
- In-person meet-up around Monday night lecture
- Early careers events
- Continued collaboration with ICPEM and other societies across the Disaster Risk sector



How can you get involved?

- Ideas to bring in more members
- Members involvement / time commitment
- Early careers paths - links to universities
- Share content on social media (LinkedIn)
- Your ideas?

Thank you and any questions

DRM PPG - <https://www.rgs.org/professionals/professional-practice-groups/disaster-risk-management-ppg>

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