

An aerial photograph showing a coastal area with significant damage. Buildings with colorful roofs (blue, red, green) are partially destroyed or surrounded by debris. A road with a 'STOP' sign and a white van is visible. The foreground is dominated by a large area of rubble and debris, including wooden planks and metal scraps, suggesting a recent disaster event.

# Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group

Inaugural meeting with founding members  
11th December 2020

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Advancing geography  
and geographical learning

# 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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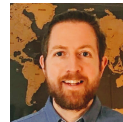
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# Background

- 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

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# 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



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# 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*

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Months 1-3   | Announcement of formation of the PPG and call for interested parties                        |
| Months 1-3   | Formation and first meeting of the PPG; establishing links with other Societies and Bodies  |
| Months 4-6   | Networking event to promote the PPG to society members                                      |
| Months 6-12  | Webinar covering one of the themes of the PPG e.g. disaster preparedness and risk reduction |
| Months 12-18 | Online promotional article/blog/new items on topics from the event/webinar                  |
| Months 18-24 | Evening lecture covering one (or more) of the themes  |
| ...          | ...   |

# 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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