

An aerial photograph showing a coastal area with significant damage. Buildings with corrugated metal roofs are partially destroyed or missing. Debris, including wood and rubble, is scattered across the ground. A road with a 'STOP' sign and a car is visible on the right. The overall scene suggests the aftermath of a disaster.

Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group

Annual General Meeting
29th November 2023

**Royal
Geographical
Society**
with IBG

Advancing geography
and geographical learning

Agenda

1. **Welcome & aim**
2. Election of committee members
3. Annual Review of activity
4. Forward plan
5. AOB

Purpose

- 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 (no fewer than 3 members): 2 Co-chairs & 4 Secretaries, 1 Committee member, 1 Early Career Representative, 2 co-opted members
- 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

[Constitution of the Disaster Risk Management PPG](#)

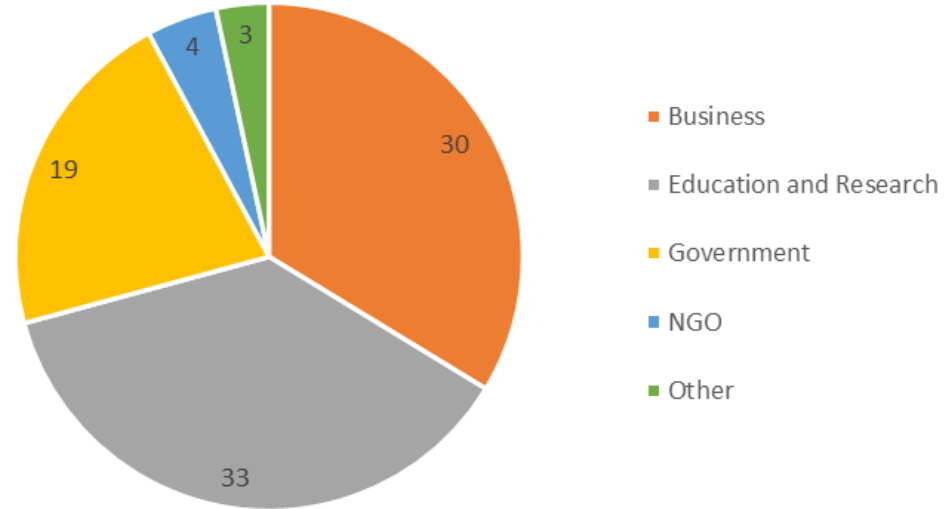
The logo for the Royal Geographical Society with IBG. It features a vertical line on the left and a horizontal line at the bottom, intersecting at an orange circle. The text "Royal Geographical Society" is in a large, bold, black font, and "with IBG" is in a smaller, black font below it.

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DRM-PPG members

- 89 members registered with the RGS-IBG and 475 (up from 262 in 2022) 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



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Current Committee Members



William Forde
Honorary Chair



Kelvin Wong
Honorary Vice-Chair



Chris Ewing
Honorary Co-Secretary



Richard Teeuw



Faith Taylor



Vanessa Pilley
Co-opted Member



Henry Dawson
Early Careers Representative



James Sawyer
Co-opted Member

Changes to Committee for 2023/24

- Faith Taylor stepping down from committee
- Henry Dawson stepping down as Early Careers Representative
- Open for nominations for:
 - Honorary Vice-Chair
 - Honorary Co-Secretary (x2)
 - Early Careers Representative

We would like to engage younger professionals in the disaster risk sector with the work of the Group, including adding early career representation to the DRM PPG Committee.

If you are in the first seven years of your career post-qualification and would be interested in joining the Committee, please send a CV to professional@rgs.org – and please contact the same with any queries.

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Annual Review of activity

Period	Themes	Update
Months 30 to 35 <i>(Dec 2022 – May 2023)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking Forward • Role of Geography in Disaster Risk Management • Theme: Recovery, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction • Geovisualisation for decision support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Monday Night Lecture in-person networking session at the RGS • Panel Discussion: “Where to take your career in disaster risk management” • Fireside chat: “The Art and Science of Geovisualisation for Disaster Risk Management”
Months 36 to 41 <i>(June – Nov 2023)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Career Professionals • Climate Changed Geographies • Disaster Risk Reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early career professionals virtual networking • Panel Discussion: “Disaster risk in the humanitarian sphere: what about information management and mapping?” • Early careers webinar: “Careers aren’t always linear. Conversations on career paths” • RGS-IBG Annual International Conference session: “Transformative Partnerships for Disaster Risk Reduction” • Webinar: “Interplay of Inflation and Geography in Disaster Risk Management” • DRM-PPG Annual General Meeting
Months 42 - 53 <i>(Dec - Nov 2024)</i>	Driving further thought leadership, engagement, and participation in the professional practice group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More in-person events including potential fieldtrips • Webinar: Decolonising risk measures • Webinar: NGOs in disaster risk management • RGS Monday Night Lectures in-person • "I'm a geographer" series refresh • Dedicated RSPSoc annual conference session

Annual Review of Activity

The art and science of geovisualisation for disaster risk management

Join us for a Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group lunch time webinar to explore how geovisualisation is applied in disaster risk management.

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Where to take your career in disaster risk management

You are invited to join the Society's Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group for the next event in our fireside chat series, focusing on careers in disaster risk management.

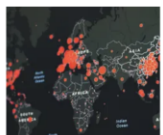
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Disaster risk in the humanitarian sphere: what about information management and mapping?

This panel brings together four experts in the field of humanitarian information management to discuss where IM and GIS can provide clarity in evolving situations.

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Careers aren't always linear: conversations on career paths

Join the Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group for some discussions on career development.

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Nuclear dreams: Fukushima and Japan's lost futures - Dr Makoto Takahashi

In 2011, Japan faced its greatest test since WW2. But how are the Tohoku earthquake and Fukushima nuclear disaster still shaping Japan today? And what happened to those visions of the crisis as an opportunity?

🔗 2023, MEMBERS ONLY, MONDAY NIGHT LECTURES



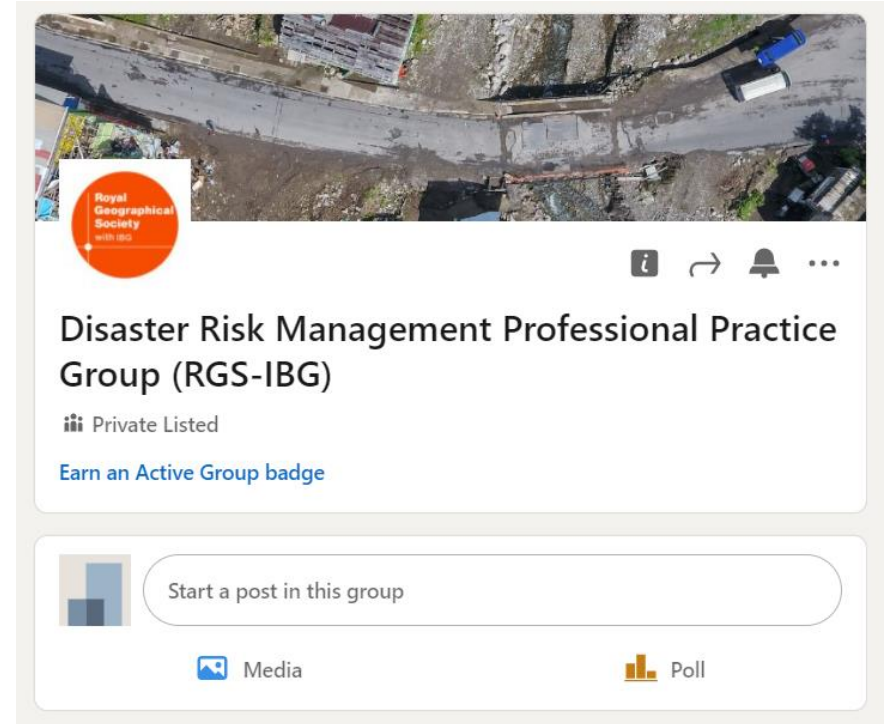
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Summary of Activities 2023

LinkedIn Group

- 475 members as of November 2023
- Posts on related events
- Group members using disaster risk management practices across academia, government, NGO and private sectors



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2024 – Suggested Themes & Ideas Welcome!

- Continuation of fireside sessions, roundtables and blogs
- Continuing cross-society collaboration to other organisations e.g. MapAction, RSPSoc, AGI, Risk-KAN Early Warning Systems, etc.
- Inclusion of in-person networking type events linked with Monday night lectures
- Develop an international reach (partly through expansion of LinkedIn group membership)
- Develop further sub-groups, e.g. communicating risks, career development, cross-sectoral risk management
- Specific events may include:
 - NGO's and disaster risk management
 - Role of Academia in disaster risk management
 - Climate change related disaster risk seminars
 - Emergency services and disaster risk management
 - Refresh the “I am a Geographer” series
- Other topics and suggestions welcome!

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