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Societal resilience: mind the implementation gap

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Resilience

Metaphor, trait, outcome...

Central to global-local policy-practice frameworks:

☐ Sustainable Development Goals 2030

e.g., Target 13.1: 'strengthen resilience & adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards & natural disasters'

☐ Resilient Cities Network

e.g., Cities for a Resilient Recovery from COVID-19 (C2R)

'Strategic lynchpin' for local action?

□ Bridging concept for integrating sectors, scales, policy areas, while also familiar within everyday language





Implementation gap

Between ambitions & delivery

Which resilience?

□ Differing understandings – 'divided by a common language' e.g., emergency management / climate change officers (Shaw & Maythorne, 2011)

Focus on different outcomes:

□ Bounce-back to 'normal' or transformed to a better state?e.g., by reducing the causes of vulnerability & with social equity to the fore

Governance critical to closing gap:

☐ Collaborative, adaptive, proactive, anticipatory, long-term vision...



Societal Resilience

As a strategic local capability

National Consortium for Societal Resilience [UK+]:

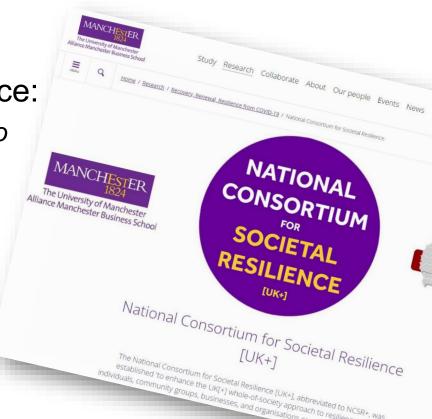
☐ Working (sector partner) definition of societal resilience: 'capability created by local systems to help people and places to adapt and advance in a changing environment'

Capability to enable focus on those most in need:

☐ Demonstrable ability to prepare for, respond to, & recover from a particular threat or hazard

Requires a strategic approach:

☐ Co-produced & implemented by broader range of partners...







- □ Societal Resilience in Northern Ireland: views from a regional & local perspective / Joan McCaffrey, Regional Officer, Local Government Civil Contingencies (NI)
- □ Building Grassroots Resilience in the Paso Del Norte Region / Nicole Alderete-Ferrini, Director of Community & Human Development for the City of El Paso, Texas
- □ Q&A