

SOCIETAL RESILIENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

VIEWS FROM A REGIONAL & LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

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AIM OF PRESENTATION

Societal resilience as a strategic local capability - how do we build it?

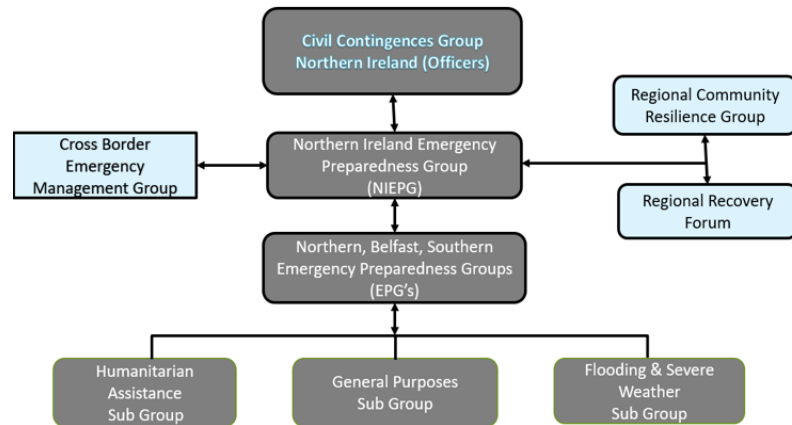
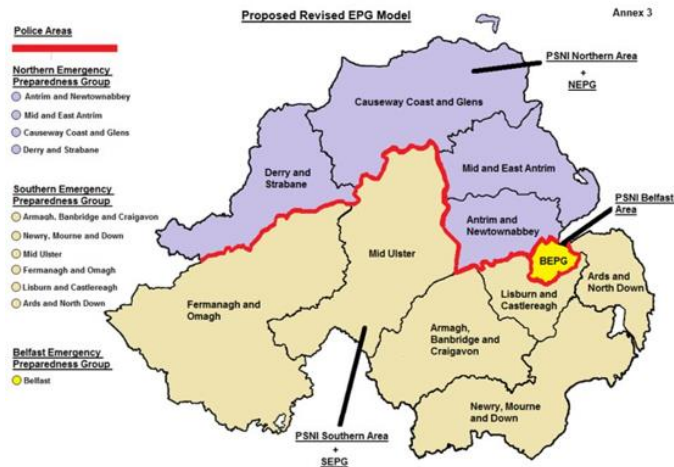
Current arrangements in Northern Ireland
How do we build on these ?
Challenges & Opportunities



build adapt sustainable
collaborate recover businesses
individuals resilience trust strengthening
communicate whole agile society
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communities maintaining empowering multi
agency connections co-design listen support
together engage harness nurture
flexibility capacity resources



CURRENT CIVIL CONTINGENCIES ARRANGEMENTS IN NI

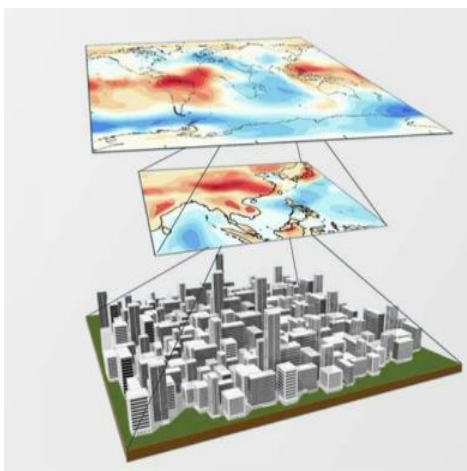


Building Resilience Together

NI CIVIL CONTINGENCIES FRAMEWORK



NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL CONTINGENCIES RISK REGISTER



- Environmental
- Human Health, Animal Health and Food Security
- Major Accidents and Incident
- Economical , Supply Chain and Societal Risks
- Malicious Attacks.

NI CIVIL CONTINGENCIES RESILIENCE STRATEGY 2020-2025



1 **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1**
To enhance public preparedness

2 **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2**
To develop, maintain and enhance mutually beneficial strategic partnerships with statutory agencies, the community and voluntary sector and the public to enhance resilience across Northern Ireland.

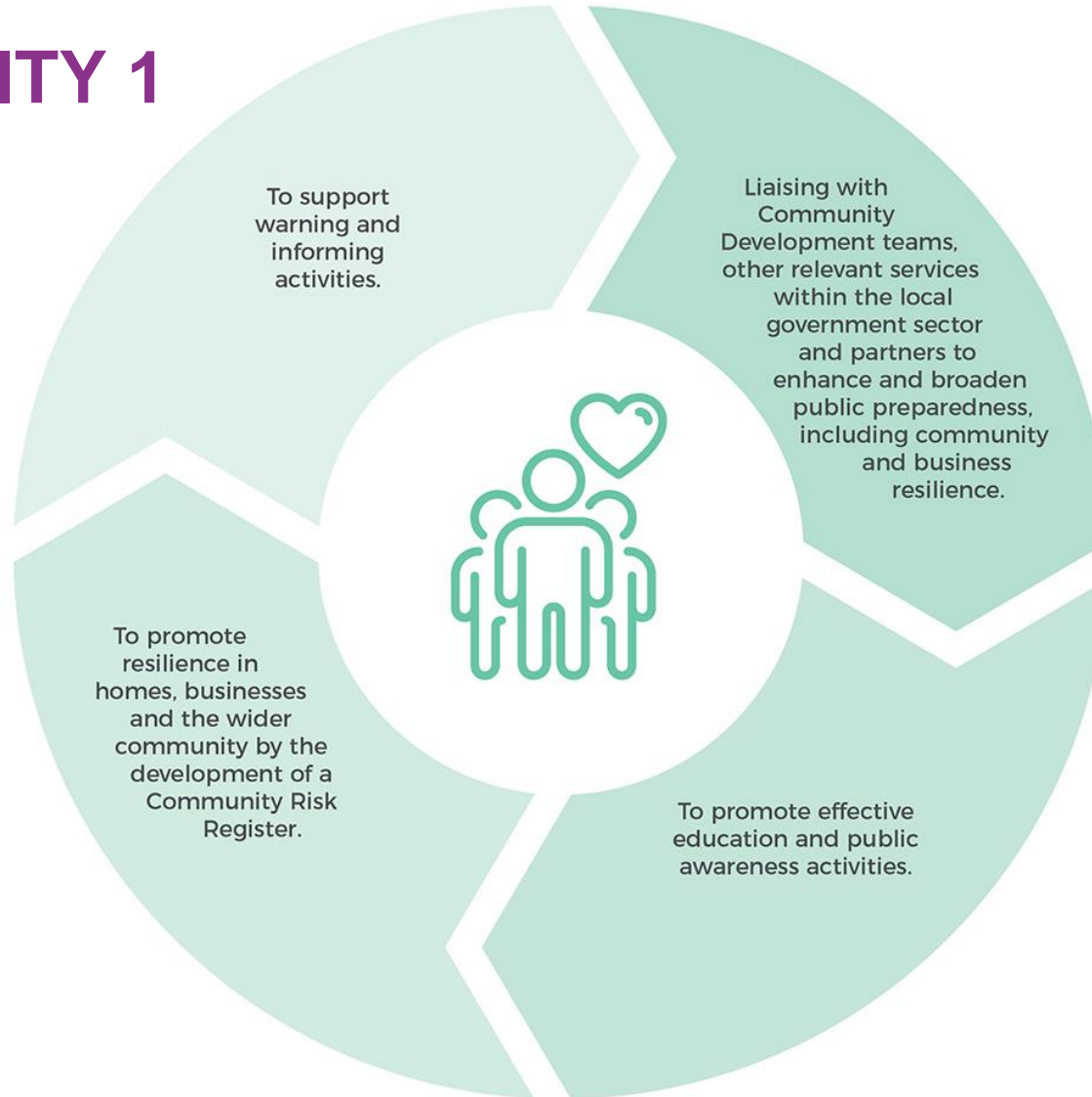
3 **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3**
To develop multi-agency arrangements, on a risk-prioritised basis, to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from emergencies.

4 **STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4**
To grow capacity and capability to deliver our strategy.



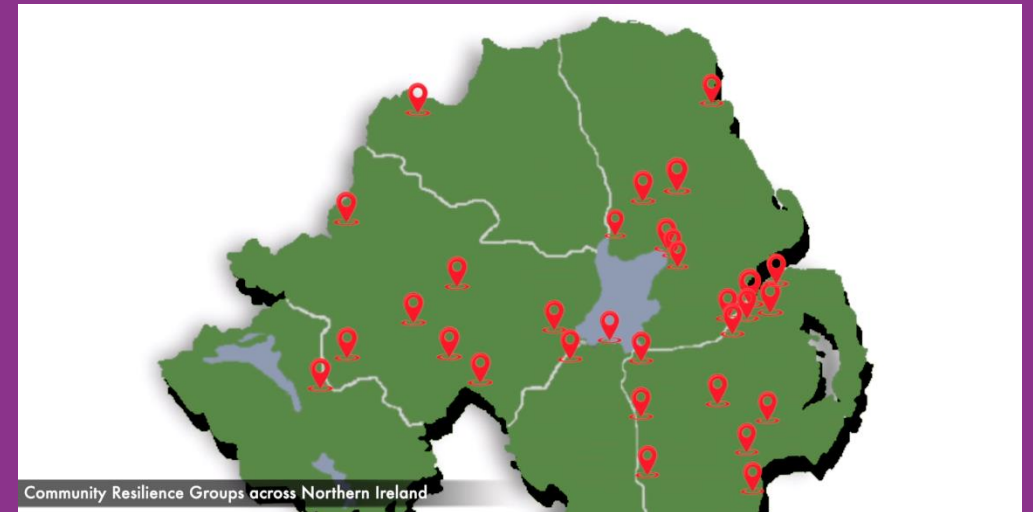
STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1

To Enhance Public Preparedness



HOW ARE WE ENGAGING WITH THE PUBLIC?

- Regional Community Resilience Group
- Over 30 Community Resilience Areas across NI.
- Working with a multitude of partner organisations – statutory, community & voluntary
- 2013-2020: Focus on Severe Weather
- 2022: Pilots to widen remit of group



HOW ARE WE ENGAGING WITH THE PUBLIC?



HOW DOES THE ABOVE WORK IN REAL LIFE?

Case Study: Comparison of Experiences of the 2017
flooding to 2022 flooding

WHAT ARE OUR NEXT STEPS?

- Engagement with the National Consortium of Societal Resilience
- Development of a Regional Community Risk Register for Northern Ireland
- Taking Forward two pilots in Northern Ireland widen scope “Community Resilience: Prepare, Adapt, Strengthen”

In parallel strengthening relationships with:

- Policing and Community Safety Partnerships
- Community Planning
- Community Development
- Community Voluntary Sector
- Faith Community
- Business Community
- Cross Border links

METHODOLOGY

LOCAL: Vulnerabilities and Capabilities Assessment

- To promote inclusive participation, community leadership and empowerment of vulnerable people.
- Local perspectives and priorities are critical for the success of any Community Resilience Plan
- For communities to better understand the nature and extent of existing, changing and emerging risks they are and will be facing.
- For communities to identify relevant and practical actions to reduce their risks and strengthen their resilience based on their priorities.
- To raise awareness and mobilise resources within the community and externally so that the community can implement its community resilience planning arrangements

Communities need to 'own' these plans and the analysis that led to them in order to put effort into implementing them

Strategic Drivers for Change

Need to Strengthen Relationships



METHODOLOGY

STRATEGIC

- For statutory organisations and other partner organisations to support communities to reduce their prioritised risks, including by influencing policies, laws and development investment which can benefit those communities.
- Move towards societal resilience requires strategic engagement from multiagency partners
- Correct Governance Structures: In Northern Ireland, overarching Regional Community Resilience Group

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Regional Community Resilience Group **GETTING WEATHER READY**

The Regional Community Resilience Group (RCRG) Newsletter – Keeping members weather ready

Welcome to the Spring/Summer edition of Getting Weather Ready

We hope you find this edition of Getting Weather Ready informative and helpful.

There are a range of articles with advice and guidance about Getting Weather Ready. This edition also has updates on major projects underway to support communities at flood risk. This publication is produced by the Regional Community Resilience Group (RCRG) which was formed in 2013 to help local communities prepare for and respond to weather related emergencies. The group brings together Multi-Agency Partner Organisations from government, utilities and the voluntary sector to work for and with communities at risk from severe weather. This newsletter aims to highlight important developments to enhance community resilience, provide an opportunity for communities to share experiences and includes key responder contacts to help communities to Get Weather Ready. Thanks to all our contributors and if you have something you want us to highlight in a future edition please let us know by emailing RCRG@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk.

Be Prepared for Flooding

Flooding is dangerous, it can happen very quickly and occurs not only in winter but at any time of year.

Having some preparations made in advance will help you to cope if it should happen to you. The Northern Ireland Regional Community Resilience Group (RCRG) has produced a range of leaflets with useful information to help you prepare for any crisis. The leaflets can be downloaded from the following links:

www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/be-ready-for-emergencies

and:

www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/infrastructure/emergency-flooding-booklet-updated-180919

Household Flood, **General Household Emergency Life-Saving Plan**, **SEVERE WEATHER PLAN (SNOW / ICE / WIND AND HAIL)**, **FLOODING**

to not only bring together partner organisations,

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CLICK TO READ...

- Be Prepared for Flooding
- Summer Weather
- Regional Community Resilience Group Equipment
- Community Resilience – Emotional Wellbeing After Flooding
- Are you Weather Ready?
- NI Councils Prepare for Climate Change
- Extra help from your water and energy supplier
- NI Water Free Text Alert Service
- Helping The Environment This Summer
- NI Water's £7 Million Ravenhill Flood Alleviation Project Underway
- DR - Flood Alleviation Schemes
- Living with Water Programme
- Flood Risk Management Plan 2021 - 2027
- PHA: Stick to Advice to Help Keep Everyone Safe
- Getting Ready for the Hills - PSNI Search & Rescue
- Red Cross, Volunteer Now and Ulster GAA to support mass vaccination programme
- Last word - Thank you Martin
- Emergency Numbers

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Challenges

- Resources
- Whole of Government Approach

Opportunities

- Strategic Champions
- UK Policy

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