



National Conference on Societal Resilience

Society in Resilience: Young people, families, and civil society

24-25 February 2026, The University of Manchester, UK

Day 1 Programme, Whitworth Hall – 24 February 2026

10.30am	Registration opens and time for mingling
11.30 - 12.30	Networking early lunch
12.30 - 12.50	Conference opens and welcome Duncan Shaw , Co-Chair NCSR+, Alliance Manchester Business School
Session 1: Young people in resilience to disruption	
12.50 - 1.10	Working with young people on societal resilience Martin Parham , Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute
1.10 - 2.10	Panel Discussion: Young people in resilience Group of young people sharing their views
2.10 - 2.40	Networking refreshment break
2.40 - 3.20	Table discussions
3.20 - 3.30	Reviewing the table feedback
Session 2: Civil Society in resilience to disruption – Operation Water Outage (Part 1)	
3.30 - 3.35	Introductory video: You never miss the water until the well runs dry
3.35 - 3.50	Societal resilience in Operation Water Outage Villő Lelkes , Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
3.50 - 4.30	Table discussions
4.40 - 4.45	Time for a breather
4.50 - 5.10	Resilience volunteers supporting water outage Melvin Hartley , Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum
Session 3: NCSR+ module	
5.10 - 5.25	NCSR+ Module 4: Civil society capability Kelly Smith and Duncan Shaw , NCSR+, Alliance Manchester Business School
Conference Day 1 close	
5.25 - 5.30	Looking to tomorrow
5.30 - 6.00	Room available for spontaneous meetings
6.00 - 6.45	Free time
6.45 - late	Networking dinner (if pre-booked)

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Day 2 Programme, Whitworth Hall – 25 February 2026

8.20am	Registration opens and time for mingling
8.45 - 9.00	Welcome and opening to Day 2 NCSR+ Module 3: Resilience of essential services for vulnerable people Duncan Shaw , Co-Chair NCSR+, Alliance Manchester Business School
Session 4: Communities in resilience to disruption	
9.00 - 9.20	From the ground up: Co-designing hyperlocal Community Emergency Hubs Paul Cull , Monash University Accident Research Centre, Australia
9.20 - 9.40	Community Emergency Hubs in Blaenau-Gwent Local Resilience Forum Deanne Griffiths , Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
9.40 - 10.10	Table discussions
10.10 - 10.40	Networking refreshment break
Session 5: Communities in resilience to disruption – Lightning Talks	
10.40 - 11.30	Moderator: TBC Henry Barnes , British Red Cross Melissa Kenney , Abri Housing Group Panel TBC
11.30 - 12.10	Q&A across tables and with presenters
12.10 - 1.10	Networking lunch
Session 6: Civil Society in resilience to disruption – Operation Water Outage (Part 2)	
1.10 - 1.15	Introductory video: Heat, inescapable heat
1.15 - 1.30	The impact on societal resilience of water limits with no supply alternative
1.30 - 2.35	Table discussions
2.35 - 2.55	Networking refreshment break
2.55 - 3.10	For £1 spent on societal resilience, society benefits from £xx of public value Duncan Shaw , Co-Chair NCSR+, Alliance Manchester Business School
Session 7: What do we do next? – Lightning Talks	
3.10 - 3.55	Moderator: TBC Stuart Armstrong , Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Panel TBC
Conference close	
3.55 - 4.00	Looking forward

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