



# National Conference on Societal Resilience

## What worked? What didn't? Why? WwWdW?

10-11 March 2025, The University of Manchester, UK

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11.30-12.30	Networking early lunch
12.30-1.00	Conference opens and Welcome <b>Duncan Shaw</b> , Co-Chair NCSR+, Alliance Manchester Business School
<b>Session 1: What worked? What didn't? Why? <small>WwWdW?</small></b>	
1.00-2.00	The ingredients of a successful community resilience group <b>Craig Scott</b> , Brockham Emergency Response Team, Surrey
	The reason to be optimistic on societal resilience <b>Rose Charlton-Peel, Malcolm Harrington</b> , Hunts Forum, Cambridgeshire
	Partnering through the local resilience forum <b>Jenny Maskell, Ruth Stevens, Saoirse O'Neill</b> , Cheshire Local Resilience Forum
2.00-2.30	Q&A with presenters
2.30-3.00	Networking refreshment break
<b>Session 2: Major cyber attack in 2040 (Part 1)</b>	
3.00-3.05	<b>Video: Cyber attack on the nation's energy grid</b>
3.05-3.20	The impacts of a cyber attack on societal resilience <b>Speaker from the UK's National Cyber Security Centre</b>
3.20-4.00	<b>Table discussions</b> – Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What are society's needs, offers, and assets in this disruption?</li><li>- What are you already doing to help society to surge in this disruption?</li></ul>
4.00-4.20	Q&A across tables and with presenter
<b>Session 3: Looking back and forward</b>	
4.20-4.40	<b>Lightning talks:</b> What worked? What didn't? Why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Leanne McMahon</b>, Kent and Medway Local Resilience Forum</li><li>- <b>Steve Miller</b>, Faith-based Regeneration Network UK</li><li>- <b>Fiona Gaffney</b>, Resilience Directorate, Cabinet Office</li></ul>
4.40-5.20	Rapporteur panel and Q&A
<b>Time to relax</b>	
5.20-5.30	Close and looking to tomorrow
5.30-7.00	Free time
7.00-10.30	Networking dinner (if pre-booked)

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8.45-9.00	Welcome to Conference Day 2 <b>Duncan Shaw</b> , Co-Chair NCSR+, Alliance Manchester Business School
<b>Session 4: What worked? What didn't? Why?</b>	
9.00-9.40	Partnering with GP surgeries: What worked? What didn't? Why? <b>David Kemp</b> , East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service
	Partnering with businesses: What worked? What didn't? Why? <b>Millie Williamson</b> , <b>Louisa Cavell</b> , London Resilience
9.40-10.10	Facilitated table discussion
10.10-10.40	Networking refreshment break
10.40-11.10	Q&A across tables and with presenters
<b>Session 5: International lessons on societal resilience</b>	
11.10-12.10	<b>Panel session:</b> What worked? What didn't? Why? <b>Panel chair:</b> <b>Ralph Throp</b> , Scottish Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Michael Crooymans</b>, ISO Community Resilience Working Group, Netherlands</li><li>- <b>Ashleigh Rushton</b>, Cleveland Local Resilience Forum</li><li>- <b>Francis Hoet</b>, DMS NPC, South Africa</li></ul>
12.10-1.10	Networking lunch
<b>Session 6: Major cyber attack in 2040 (Part 2)</b>	
1.10-1.15	<b>Video: The night the lights went out</b>
1.15-1.30	Myths, misinformation, and trust in societal resilience <b>Emma Barrett</b> , Co-investigator RBOC Network+
1.30-2.10	<b>Table discussions</b> – Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- How could misinformation in society affect the response?</li><li>- How should misinformation be addressed for societal resilience?</li></ul>
2.10-2.30	Q&A across tables and with presenter
2.30-2.50	Networking refreshment break
<b>Session 7: Closing down societal resilience</b>	
2.50-3.20	<b>Lightning talks:</b> What worked? What didn't? Why? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Emma Thomson</b>, Environment Agency</li><li>- <b>Roxana Ciurean</b>, British Geological Survey</li><li>- <b>Michelle Cliff</b>, Senior Development Officer, Support Staffordshire</li></ul>
3.20-3.50	Rapporteur panel and Q&A
<b>Conference Day 2 close</b>	
3.50-4.00	Thanks and looking forward

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