

# Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group launch event

## Meeting notes

11/12/2020

Hosted by Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)

### Summary of meeting with founding members

On a Friday lunchtime in early December we hosted an inaugural meeting of the Disaster Risk Management Professional Practice Group. Over 30 people joined from a wide range of backgrounds including government, humanitarian, engineering, environment and financial services.

Each participant shared their experience before outlining their expectations as a group member. Expectations from the group included:

- opportunities for networking and learning from others
- possible research and teaching collaborations
- the possibility of hearing new ideas
- encouraging and sharing best practice

We also discussed the framework of the group with an overview of suggested content and themes of interest. Members also brought their views on content including:

- Climate change (and COP26 engagement)
- Resilience and adaptation
- Early warning systems and crisis response
- Emergency management, local & municipal risk planning and response
- Reaching marginalised groups e.g. low income backgrounds
- International engagement opportunities including NGOs, other international bodies
- Pre-degree student engagement e.g. Geography ambassador scheme

Towards the end of the meeting, we discussed ideas and plans for the first event (likely to take place in early February as an online workshop).

If you'd like to join the group please email [professional@rgs.org](mailto:professional@rgs.org). You can also join the PPG's LinkedIn Group at: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12470011/>