

## International Centre of Excellence, Community Resilience, Wellington

### Email update: April 2014

Dear all ICoE members and interested colleagues,

Many thanks to those of you who attended our IRDR International Centre of Excellence (ICoE) information evening held at WREMO in March. We see this as a very exciting opportunity to build a more resilient region by harnessing the synergies achieved by researchers and practitioners working in partnership. We can achieve even greater leverage by attracting the interest of research and practitioner partners both within and external to our region plus those influential institutions such as our sponsors the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR), and co-sponsors International Council for Science (ICSU), the International Social Science Council (ISSC), and the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR).

As part of the ICoE we will be sending out quarterly emails to update you all on those activities undertaken as well as those opportunities for future engagement. If you have any suggestions for community resilience activities that you would like to incorporate under the ICoE, please let us know.

Since our March information evening, activities have already been picking up, including:

- Two workshops on Building Resilience Amongst Communities, held at Massey university Wellington on 8<sup>th</sup> April and Lincoln University on 16<sup>th</sup> April.
- A collaborative research workshop run by Thomas Huggins (a doctoral student at Massey) and held on 20<sup>th</sup> March at WREMO to explore and identify the key research questions that will help inform the WREMO Community Resilience Strategy.
- Continued development by WREMO of an online knowledge bank, called the “Community Resilience Toolbox” which will be used to house a database of projects, research and related information on community resilience initiatives in the Wellington Region. Expect to hear more about this, and how you can contribute, later in the year.

Finally, we would like to invite you to attend our ICoE Community Resilience Workshop at the Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference:

- **WORKSHOP 11: Community Resilience: knowledge sharing workshop. 26 September 2014: 1:30 - 4:30pm**, Workshop conveners: ICoE: Community Resilience Wellington, JCDR, WREMO (Dan Neely, Emma Hudson-Doyle, David Johnston, Bruce Pepperell, Julia Becker)
- In conjunction with the IRDR International Centre of Excellence: Community Resilience for the Wellington Region, this workshop will explore inter-, and across-, agency knowledge sharing for building community resilience. In particular, how do

we ensure that lessons from past disasters in one region are implemented into future pre disaster recovery plans in other regions? Through this workshop we aim to identify the methods, tools, advantages, and challenges to developing collective knowledge across practitioners and researchers for future preparedness, and ways in which this knowledge can be effectively integrated into approaches including the Wellington Region's Community Resilience Strategy.

- (<http://www.hazardseducation.org/conference/2014/2014index.php>)

We hope you will be able to come along and participate in what should be a very stimulating discussion!

Regards,

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