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Communities at the heart of emergency resilience

Ready Scotland

Preparing for and dealing with emergencies





SCDC – Rebooting Resilience

SCDC's Rebooting Resilience programme is a programme which aims to explore what resilience looks like in our communities, how we can build on existing good practice and improve how communities and local agencies can work together to develop strong, resilient communities.

Programme Aims

- 1. Deepening understanding of context
- 2. Engaging with existing resilience partners
- 3. Connecting new resilience partners
- 4. Examining scope, places and platforms that can support resilience
- 5. Test integration of resilience in local planning
- 6. Produce proposals for future action



Programme Work

National Level

- Working with a national Steering Group to share information and ideas about connecting community infrastructure with community resilience activity
- Delivery of national webinars to support the sharing of learning from the programme

Local Sites (Moffat and Falkirk)

- Mapping and planning collaborative community resilience at local level
- Testing thinking on best ways of engaging and involving people
- Sharing learning in the local areas and between the sites



Local Sites - developments

Moffat (Dumfries & Galloway)

- Mapping of local community resilience activity and those who are involved.
- Identifying issues and gaps
- Planning sessions focusing on how to improve community-led collaborative community resilience activity

Falkirk (and Forth Valley)

- Mapping how current resilience support enables community groups to respond – safely and knowledgably. Identifying connections and gaps.
- Exploring what learning and sharing opportunities there are for the groups to connect with others.
- Supporting Falkirk Council to look at good practice in resilience planning and plans that will give a practical set of tools to leave for that location.







Emerging issues/themes

On-going wider community resilience is important in helping communities not only to respond to short-term emergencies but longer-term issues such as climate change, cost-of-living, health pandemics, etc. Within resilience planning, we need to take account of these factors and how we can help to build stronger community networks and supports which will in turn help us to respond to more immediate emergency situations.

Specific areas for improvement which have been identified include:

- Increased shared understanding of community resilience amongst community and agencies
- On-going collaboration between community groups
- Collaboration between groups and agencies around emergency responses
- Resourcing for community-led resilience activity (including ownership/lease/use of buildings)
- Emotional and practical support for people involved in community resilience
- Involvement of young people in resilience volunteering activity



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Supporting community-led resilience

We're developing a Guide to Community-Led Resilience

It will:

- ... give advice, guidance, hints, tips and examples of community-led resilience
- … have 4 main sections getting involved; preparing for emergencies; responding to emergencies; keeping informed and sustaining the work
- ... be online, accessible and updated
- ... link to the <u>Ready Scot</u> website



Community Impact

Quick wins

How can you sustain this work?

Can you increase the impact?

Can you make this simpler, or more effective?

Higher

Lower Effort



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