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ESRC CASCADE-NET Seminar 6: *Less heard voices within Civil Society for resilience: engaging diverse groups in knowledge exchange and capacity building*

Co-organised by: London Climate Change Partnership and the Centre for Water, Communities and Resilience, University of the West of England, Bristol, working with a number of individuals and agencies.

Date/time: 10:30-16:00, Friday 21st June 2019 (10.00am onwards for coffee & networking)

Venue: Committee Room 3, City Hall, The Queen’s Walk, London SE1 2AA ([map](#))

Questions to be explored during the seminar:

- Who are the less-heard voices in society in extreme weather adaptation and wider resilience building?
- How are these groups identified and their vulnerability appraised?
- How do perceptions of vulnerability compare with reality?
- What are the relationships between environmental justice and social justice, social vulnerability, and adaptation?
- How are we working with different groups in knowledge exchange and capacity building (including timing within Extreme Weather Adaptation Cycle?)
- Do less heard voices influence and play a role in policy decisions? How can their role be enhanced?
- What are the research needs and priorities – conceptual; methodological? How is research linking to policy and practice?

DRAFT PROGRAMME

10.30	1. Welcome and setting the scene Less heard voices within Civil Society for resilience: initial mapping of the territory/ aims of the day. Professor Lindsey McEwen (Centre for Water, Communities and Resilience, UWE Bristol) and Kristen Guida (London Climate Change Partnership)
10.40	2. Who are the vulnerable groups and less heard voices? Led by Kristen Guida (London Climate Change Partnership) <i>Practical mapping activity</i>
11.00	3. Keynote <i>Bringing equity into urban adaptation planning</i> Professor Robin Leichenko (Co-Director, Rutgers Climate Institute, Rutgers University)

11.30	<p>4. Less heard voices within Civil Society for resilience: research and practice (10 minute provocations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Unheard voices: disabled people and emergency planning</i> - Dr Glyn Everett (Centre for Architecture and Built Environment Research, UWE Bristol) • <i>Bringing children's voices into Emergency Planning</i> (Kelsey Smith, Innovation Officer, Save the Children) • <i>Learning to Trust: The role of knowledge brokers in widening true communities of practice.</i> Dr Justin Sharpe (Department of Geography, King's College London; @edu4drr) • <i>Dynamics of listening and silencing in the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower Fire.</i> Dr Flora Cornish (Department of Methodology, London School of Economics & Political Science) and Cathy Long (Devoted) <p>Group discussion</p>
12.30	<p>5. Less heard voices within Civil Society for resilience: exploring research needs Quick-fire stimuli (10 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Building community resilience in emergencies: reflections on four social action innovations.</i> Belinda Moreau-Jones (NESTA) • <i>Blue - Green Infrastructure and Resilience: Thames Ward Community Project</i> Anusha Shah (Chair, Thames Estuary Partnership) <p>Group discussion</p>
13.00	LUNCH and NETWORKING
14.00	<p><i>Communicating Consequences</i> - Ed Barsley (The Environmental Design Studio)</p> <p>6. Collective exploration of the questions emergent from morning presentations Learning café with hosts and rapporteurs - including Reflections on implications for research/ practice links</p>
15.40	7. Plenary and concluding remarks
16.00	Meeting close

Please note that participant talks will be filmed for the CASCADE-NET online archive and post event online discussion.

Dr Kevin Burchell had to withdraw from our programme but has sent on this contribution to our discussions: *Community resilience: a ten minute provocation – Why community resilience is a problem!* (Dr Kevin Burchell, June 2019, kevinwburchell@gmail.com; For more info: <https://kevinburchell.blogspot.com/p/community-resilience.html>). We will circulate the document around participants.