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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**

<b>10.30</b>	<b>1. Welcome and setting the scene</b> 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)
<b>10.40</b>	<b>2. Who are the vulnerable groups and less heard voices?</b> Led by Kristen Guida (London Climate Change Partnership) <i>Practical mapping activity</i>
<b>11.00</b>	<b>3. Keynote</b> <i>Bringing equity into urban adaptation planning</i> Professor Robin Leichenko (Co-Director, Rutgers Climate Institute, Rutgers University)

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

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](mailto:kevinwburchell@gmail.com); For more info: <https://kevinburchell.blogspot.com/p/community-resilience.html>). We will circulate the document around participants.