



Summit will shape future of resilience

More than 80 people from 30 organisations attended our 'Getting Risk Ready' summit at Warning Zone in Leicester to explore the next steps towards building a stronger culture of resilience and preparedness.

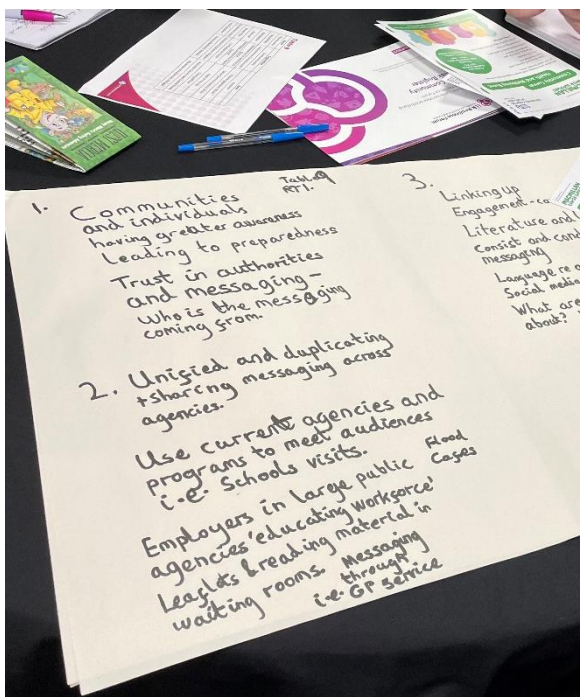
The summit brought together partners from across the public, voluntary, community, education and emergency response sectors to focus on this simple but important issue.

The ideas, challenges and opportunities identified will be used to inform the next phase of the LRF's Risk Ready programme, empowering people and communities to be stronger together and better prepared for whatever lies ahead.



During the summit, Getting Risk Ready delegates discussed how to:

- Build stronger community resilience through trusted local networks and community leadership
- Help individuals understand local risks, look out for others and begin a stock of essential supplies, such as food and bottled water
- Develop engaging, age-appropriate resilience resources for children and young people
- Bring together communities, voluntary organisations, emergency services, local authorities, educators and businesses in a 'whole of society' approach to resilience



Views from the Chair

This newsletter highlights the progress being made across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland through strong partnership working. From the 'Getting Risk Ready' summit to community engagement events, training exercises and public awareness campaigns, the LRF remains committed to building a more resilient place to live and work.

The summit reinforced a simple but important message: resilience is not something delivered to communities; it is something we build together. The ideas and discussions generated will help shape the next phase of the Risk Ready programme as we work together to create communities that are better informed, better connected and better prepared for future challenges.

Recent heatwaves have also highlighted the importance of timely public information. Tragically, the recent death of a 13-year-old boy after entering a lake in Syston serves as a reminder that safety messages can save lives. It's important that we all continue to share water safety communications throughout the summer, particularly with the young people in our lives, helping to ensure consistent advice reaches as many people as possible.

By working closely together with our communities, we can continue to strengthen resilience across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Callum Faint, LRF Chair

Risk Ready Communities on the road...

Are you risk ready? That's the question being asked at events across the region this summer.

At the city's Riverside Festival, the Risk Ready Communities team spoke to more than 100 visitors about ways to strengthen their household and community resilience. The messaging has also been shared at flood drop-ins, parish meetings, community groups and other events.

The [Risk Ready Communities](#) programme offers free support, including webinars, workshops and toolkits, to help people prepare for key local risks. Get in touch if you'd like to know more - or want to invite us along to your next event!





Exercises put plans (and planners!) through their paces

More than 120 people from more than 30 agencies, including voluntary and community organisations, took part in LRF training exercises in May and June.

Exercises tested multi-agency response to a range of possible scenarios including a wildfire in drought conditions (pictured above), a complex NHS emergency (pictured below), and an industrial accident.

The LRF also ran an emergency centre training exercise and an exercise to test the response of the voluntary sector.

Sessions like these are vital to test emergency plans and finetune the LRF's multi-agency processes to ensure it can provide a safe, effective and efficient response for local communities, when it matters most.

Speaking after the NHS exercise, Sarah Taylor, Director of Urgent and Emergency Care at UHL, said: "This excellent exercise enabled our teams across many services and departments to test their plans. There was lots of learning which we will now review and incorporate to strengthen our plans further."





Interactive kits aid decisions

New interactive tabletop kits are helping to enhance multi-agency training and exercising, in preparation for emergencies.

The kits, supplied by REACT-XR, use maps and moveable pieces to help responders visualise and plot their decisions during an incident scenario. As well as aiding decision-making, this also helps to embed partnership principles and test plans in a fast-paced environment.

The kits have already been used in several exercise scenarios.



Can you help share safety advice?

Heat health advice has been a top priority this summer, as a result of the prolonged spells of hot weather.

Heat-related warnings have included regular reminders about the dangers of entering open water. This message remains particularly poignant following the tragic death of a 13-year-old boy in a Leicestershire lake.

The LRF has also provided advice and information to help people stay safe during events and celebrations coinciding with the recurrent heatwaves, including World Cup matches.

If you're able to help share important public safety information - on issues like extreme heat, flooding and how to prepare for other local risks - in newsletters, social media posts or through other community channels/ networks, please contact

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