



The Emergency Planning Society

The Human Aspects Group, incorporating Community Resilience

[A Professional Working Group of The Emergency Planning Society]

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HAG+CR Webinar programme

17 March 2021

“COVID Volunteers; Top up or Top Down - A Partnership?”

Follow up: It is hoped that there will be a follow up Workshop...

Report:

The webinar began with a presentation from **Kirsty O’Callaghan, Head of Strengthening Communities at Essex County Council.**

Kirsty spoke about the Essex Corona Virus Action initiative which is a new model of outreach for vulnerable people and wider audiences affected by the pandemic. The Essex Corona Virus Facebook page disseminates Essex-specific information about Public Health guidance, pandemic related public services and volunteering opportunities. It’s also got a closed Facebook page for citizens who want to ask questions and seek help. 20,000 of its 37,000 members joined within 72 hours of its creation. In 2020, during the from March 14th-21st 2020, more than 7,000 volunteers signed up to support the coronavirus effort.

Our second speaker was **Professor Lucy Easthope LLB MSc PhD FEPS FRAI** with her presentation *The Wrong Type of Cheese: Responding to a disaster very close to home.* Lucy spoke about taking the theory of localised community resilience to her own village doing the spring and summer of 2020 and the learning that will shape her practice in the future.

Date to be announced

“Humanising Language” - working title

To explore language used in Emergency Planning, Documentation & Practice to respect the humanity of both those affected and those responding to disaster.
Eg: It is ok to process Documents, but never People!

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“Reviewing Human Aspects Guidance, Standards & Training” – working title

To review the 2016 National HA Guidance in the light of subsequent incidents, including Covid-19

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