



Ireland: Leitrim PPN Storm Coordination

Building Community
Networks for Preparedness

Leitrim's Public Participation Network developed accessible communication systems and coordination structures that proved invaluable during multiple storm events, showing how community networks enhance resilience through clear communication and systematic preparedness.

Building Preparedness Networks

The Leitrim PPN recognized that effective disaster response requires preparation during calm times. They built a network connecting community groups, voluntary organizations, and local authorities. This network meets regularly to share information, coordinate resources, and plan emergency responses. When storms hit, these relationships enable rapid, coordinated action.





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Key Innovations

- **Accessible Communication:** Information disseminated through multiple channels - text messages, social media, community radio, print bulletins - ensuring everyone receives updates regardless of age or digital access.
- **Vulnerable Person Registry:** Systematic identification and check-in procedures for elderly residents, people with disabilities, and those living alone.
- **Pre-positioned Resources:** Emergency supplies distributed across the county based on vulnerability assessments.
- **Trained Volunteer Pool:** Community members trained in first aid, welfare checks, and emergency response.

Key Lesson

Effective disaster response grows from strong community networks built during normal times. Investing in community coordination, accessible communication, and volunteer training creates resilience capacity that activates automatically when crisis strikes.