



Ireland: Monaghan Multi-Hazard Preparedness

Community Resilience
Through Education

County Monaghan developed a comprehensive community resilience program addressing multiple hazards - floods, storms, power outages, and health emergencies. Their booklet and training approach demonstrates how proactive education builds preparedness across diverse risks.

The Challenge

Monaghan faces multiple disaster risks: severe weather including flooding, health emergencies, fires, power outages, and security concerns. Rather than reacting to each crisis separately, the county decided to build comprehensive community resilience through education and preparedness.





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Community Resilience Booklet

The county developed an accessible resilience booklet providing practical guidance for households on preparing for various emergencies. The booklet covers emergency planning, supply stockpiling, communication strategies, knowing when to evacuate versus shelter in place, supporting vulnerable neighbors, and recovery resources. It's designed to be clear, actionable, and relevant to rural Irish contexts.

Implementation Strategy

The booklet is distributed through multiple channels: schools, community centers, local businesses, and door-to-door in high-risk areas. Training sessions help community leaders understand and teach preparedness concepts. Local authorities work with community groups to identify vulnerable residents and ensure they receive support preparing for emergencies.

Key Lesson

Proactive community education builds resilience across multiple hazard types. Simple, accessible guides combined with community training create a foundation of preparedness. When disasters strike, prepared communities respond more effectively and recover more quickly.