

QuakeCoRE Annual Meeting Speaker Updates

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PLENARY SESSION: Recoveries from Elsewhere (Thursday 10 December)

New Speaker

The Experience of People in Recovery

Maureen Mooney (Replaces Elizabeth McNaughton)
(Massey University)

Biography

Dr Maureen Mooney is a psychologist and researcher trained in New Zealand and France, who has over 20 years' experience in humanitarian psychosocial programming and disaster response. She has worked with multi-sectoral, multi-cultural groups in supporting social and health determinants of recovery. Her practical experience in the field in numerous countries has enabled her to work in a community-based, participatory approach.

In her 2011 sabbatical year, she became a research officer in the Joint Centre for Disaster Research (JCDR), Massey University and member of an academic advisory group on psychosocial recovery following the Canterbury Earthquakes. Her ensuing doctorate focused on what factors fostered positive coping in the recovery of children and families following these earthquakes.

Her current research and work in New Zealand and internationally include understanding how different ages and groups learn to cope effectively with major adversity and how social structures, community involvement and close others can foster coping. She is currently involved in training response and recovery leaders, in evaluation of humanitarian programmes in Europe and Africa, and research updating the psychosocial evidence-base for application in the Aotearoa NZ COVID-19 context. Her research interests are in how people and communities, cope effectively with adversity, and how we can promote contexts where individuals thrive.

Abstract

An affected population experiences stress and distress as the result of a disaster and the consequences of disaster. Individual and community recovery can take years. Although parts of a population will continue to be negatively affected by these events, and will need specific support, research suggests that experiencing such adversity can eventually be resolved effectively by the majority. Using examples from the international context and the evidence-base, the presentation will examine what recovery trajectories may look like for people over time, examines a number of challenges, and opportunities regarding recovery planning for affected populations post-disaster, and highlights what a recovery response could do to scaffold effective recovery for individuals, families, and communities.

New Speakers

Moea Te Poi, Moea Te Taiaha Be Vigilant, Be Prepared

Shane Graham and Rebecca Mason (Replaces Robyn Wallace)
(Ngāti Rārua) and (Meihana Consulting)

Biography

Shane is of Ngāti Raukawa and Ngāti Ranginui descent and holds broad governance roles across a range of sectors at national and local levels. His experience has led him to a number significant leadership and advisory roles in Government and across the community sector. Shane is currently CEO at Ngāti Rārua, and a former Head of Social Sciences and Māori Studies at NMIT, Shane received his Masters Degree at Te Waananga o Raukawa in Māori and Management and is currently studying for a PHD in Environmental Sciences

Rebecca is the Tumuaki (Principal) of Meihana Consulting. From leading international partnerships to facilitating multi-stakeholder meetings and representing her Iwi Rebecca is known for leading change and bringing people together to create enduring solutions. She is a Chartered Accountant and a certified partnership broker.

Rebecca also holds several governance roles and is currently a Kaitiaki (Trustee) for Te Runanga o Ngāti Kuia, Board member for Te Pūtahitanga (General Partners Limited), Trustee for the Bishop Suter Trust and Trustee for the Health Action Trust. She is also an Iwi katoa representative on the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Coordinating Executive Group and Welfare Coordination Group.

Abstract

Māori have been heavily involved over the past decade across a range of emergency and disaster events in Te Waipounamu. There have been many learnings that have shifted and moved the barriers but there is still more to be done if we are to enhance and enable better responses and recovery in emergencies and disasters moving forward.