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# Important emergency information

## Evacuation

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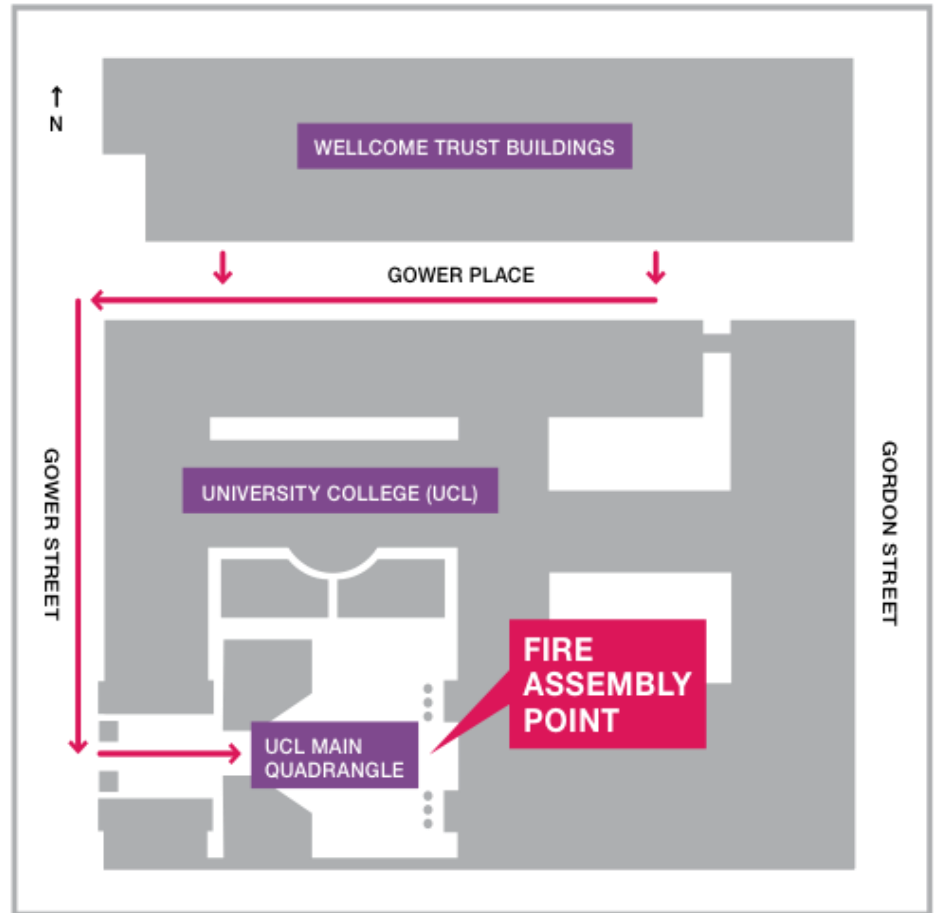
## Invacuation

In the unlikely event of a security threat, specific instructions will be given via the PA system. You may be asked to locate to the shelter station below ground level. Please remain with your host at the shelter station.

For advice and details on the location of the assembly point and shelter station, or if you need assistance to leave the building in an emergency, please speak with Reception or your host and they will discuss your individual needs privately.

## Emergency Assistance

For first aid and emergency assistance please call Security on ext. 2001.





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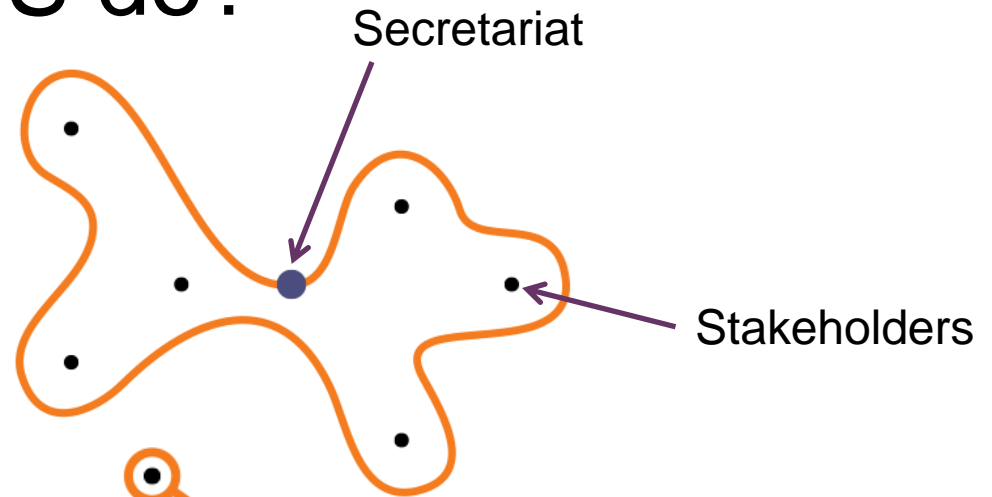
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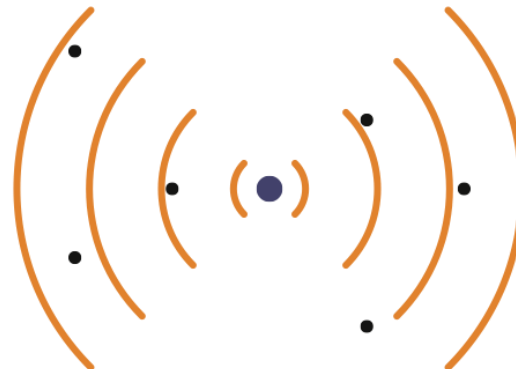
- Bring people together



- Share information



- Promote opportunities



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  - Disasters Research Group (DRG)
  - Science in Humanitarian Emergencies & Disasters (SHED)
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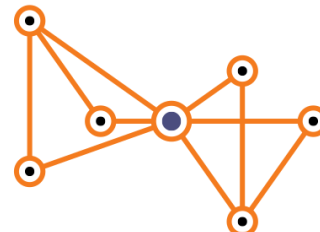
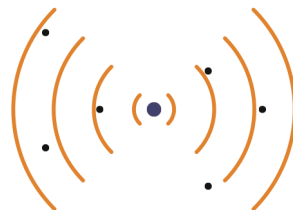
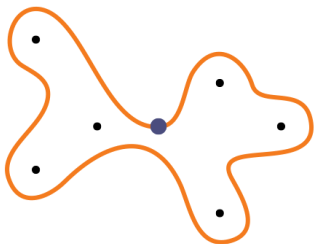


# The Disasters Research Group



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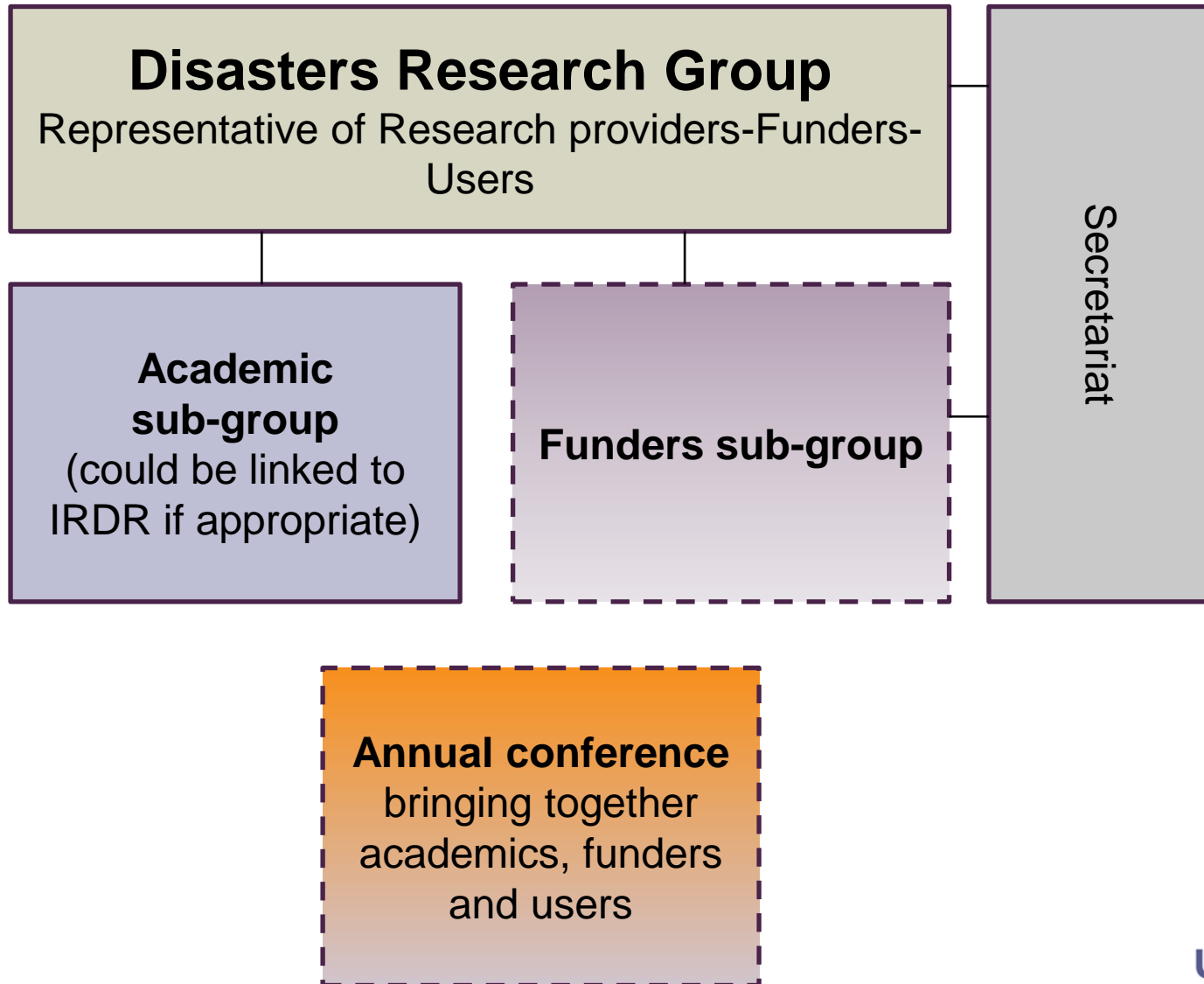
- Share's information on UK funding activities and encourages collaboration between its members and others.
- Provides funders, research providers and users with readily available information on research gaps and foci.
- Develop and recommend processes to facilitate and sustain research uptake
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# Examples of DRG activities

- **Hyogo Framework for Action**
- **DRR Research Roadmap**
- **Disaster Resilience Workshop Series**
- **Guidelines for integrating science into development and humanitarian practice**

# Academic Network...



# UK National Platform

- Led by the Civil Contingencies Secretariat within the Cabinet Office at the heart of central government.
- Established in July 2001 after serious flooding, the Fuel Crisis in 2000 and the foot and mouth disease outbreak in 2001.
- Aims to improve the UK's ability to **absorb**, **respond** to, and **recover** from potential disruptive challenges of all types.

# UK National Platform – Key Actions

## Risk Assessment

- Domestic Horizon Scanning Committee – gives a heads up on approaching potential disruptive challenges up to 6 months ahead.
- National Risk Assessment – considers risks that may impact the UK over the next five years. Involve the Natural Hazards Partnership.
- National Security Risk Assessment – looks ahead 20 years to assess and prioritise all major areas of known national security risk, both domestic and overseas

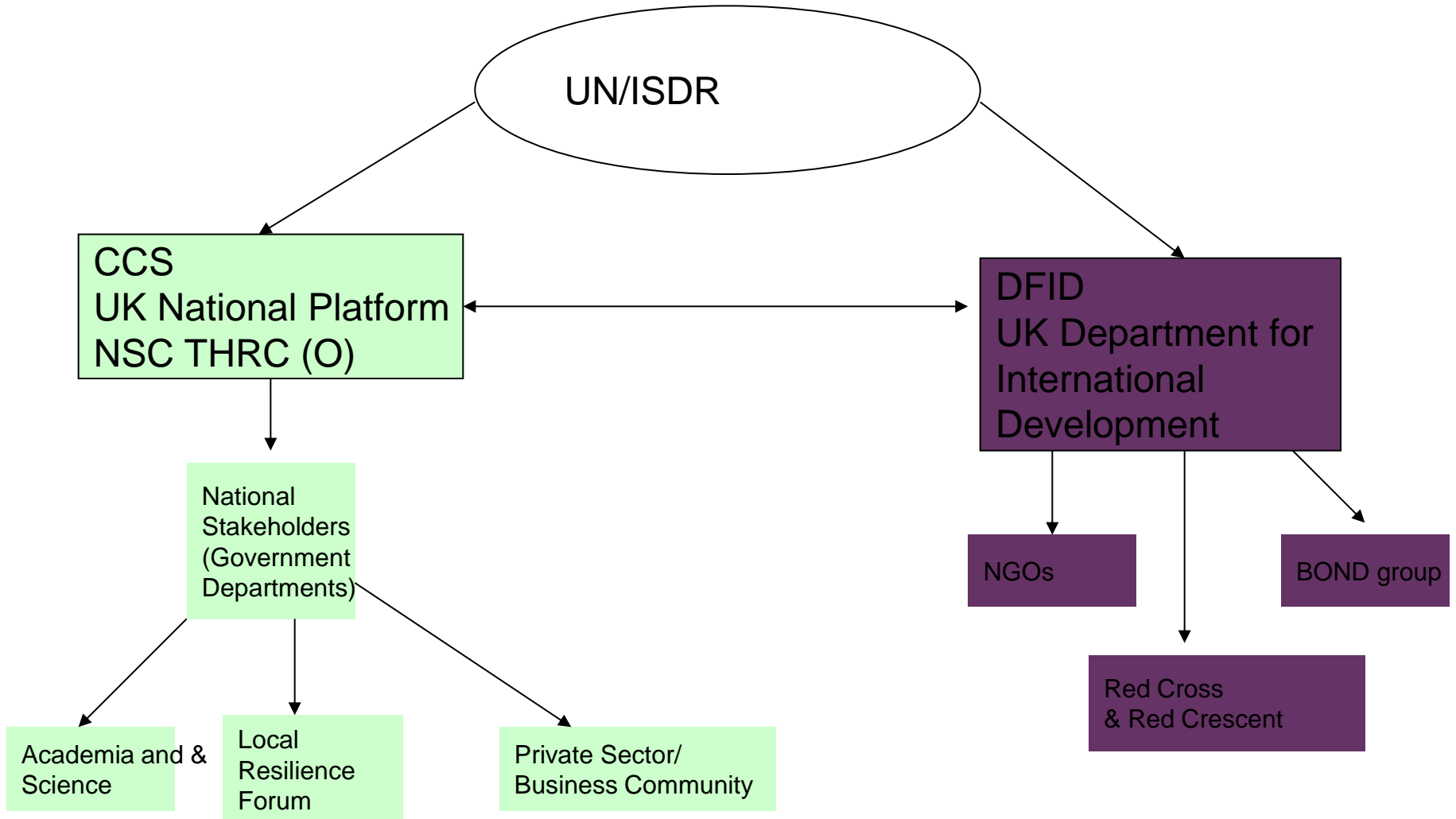
## Preparation and planning

## Response and Recovery

- Cabinet Office Briefing Rooms – coordinates the central government response
- Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) – coordinates the provision of S&T advice

## Building a resilient society

# UK National Platform





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