



COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

The need to restore and enhance community wellbeing after a significant disaster is well documented. Through the Community Resilience Programme CERA is working with identified communities to ensure they are supported to shape their own recovery.

Identified communities could be people in the red zone or resettling in a new area, or people whose lives are made more vulnerable following the quakes. CERA, alongside community leaders, is helping to grow capacity, knowledge and skills within the community for example by communities developing and implementing local recovery initiatives.

The programme recognises that recovery is a dynamic process with a unique local flavour.

Communities are encouraged to identify their specific recovery needs and the programme aims to support the communities to access the information and actions which enable recovery. There is a particular focus on identifying initiatives that facilitate community healing and resilience, for example, the 'Great Choice Christchurch pop-up summer events' and the River of Life commemorations for the 22 February anniversary. CERA is working with government and philanthropic funders, to ensure that community-initiated projects are funded and implemented to enable long-term recovery.

The programme is committed to best practice community engagement, through the implementation of [CERA's Community Engagement Strategy and Framework](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/overview/engaging-cn-recovery) (<http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/overview/engaging-cn-recovery>).

Engagement to date has included workshops to support red zone home-owners to make informed decisions for their futures, training for community leaders, and other initiatives.

Objectives of the programme

It therefore aims to respond to emergent needs, while always keeping abreast of best practice evidence from around the world. Specific objectives are to:

- build community resilience, confidence and leadership so local communities can play a key role in recovery
- strengthen and support existing collaborative initiatives within greater Christchurch
- engage directly with greater Christchurch communities, including iwi, to encourage widespread participation in the planning and implementation of recovery
- support the development of local neighbourhood plans and initiatives to help build stronger neighbourhoods
- plan, support and implement best practice engagement with communities most affected by the earthquakes
- evaluate the role of CERA in community engagement around the recovery.

Extra information

For further information on community resilience and coping with post-quake stress, contact:

www.rightservice.org.nz (<http://www.rightservice.org.nz>)
www.relationships.org.nz/ (<http://www.relationships.org.nz/>)

For further information on interagency initiatives and partnerships, contact:

www.healthychristchurch.org.nz (<http://www.healthychristchurch.org.nz>)
www.mentalhealth.org.nz (<http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz>)
cancer.org.nz (<http://cancer.org.nz>)

[Community Resilience Programme](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/community-resilience-programme) ([/recovery-strategy/social/community-resilience-programme](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/community-resilience-programme))

[Residential Red Zone Programme](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/residential-red-zone-programme) ([/recovery-strategy/social/residential-red-zone-programme](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/residential-red-zone-programme))

[Effective Central Government Services Programme](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/effective-central-government-services-programme) ([/recovery-strategy/social/effective-central-government-services-programme](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/effective-central-government-services-programme))

[Education Renewal Recovery Programme](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/education-renewal-recovery-programme) ([/recovery-strategy/social/education-renewal-recovery-programme](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/education-renewal-recovery-programme))

[Social Monitoring](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/social-monitoring) ([/recovery-strategy/social/social-monitoring](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/social-monitoring))

[Community in Mind](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/community-in-mind) ([/recovery-strategy/social/community-in-mind](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/community-in-mind))

[Workforce Resilience](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/workforce-resilience) ([/recovery-strategy/social/workforce-resilience](http://cera.govt.nz/recovery-strategy/social/workforce-resilience))