

UHI Research Network Seminar

Seminar Programme

- 10.15 Welcome
- 10.30 Dr. Sarah-Anne Munoz (CRH)
Community Resilience, Health
and Well-being
- 11.00 Dr. Rob McMorran (CMS)
Resilience and Environmental
Management
- 11.30 Coffee
- 11.45 Prof Angie Hart University of
Brighton. Resilience, Children
and Families
- 12.45 Lunch
- 1.30 Developing Collaborative
Research Projects
- 2.30 Seminar Ends

Resilience and Sustainable Rural Communities

27th JUNE 2011

Resilience thinking has a long history in both psychology and social ecology. When applied to communities in the research literature, resilience has generally implied the ability of communities to take action to respond to and positively influence change. Resilience is increasingly part of policy debates around future frameworks for the delivery of public services. It features in the Scottish Government's national objectives and was recently a key plank of the Scottish Rural Development Council's policy statement on the rural economy. Community resilience is also seen as a key building block of primary care health services in rural and remote communities.

Community resilience may have much to offer service providers, being a positive development model which has much in common with asset based approaches to developing healthy people and communities. However is resilience being enthusiastically and uncritically adopted by policy makers while there are many unanswered questions about the processes which underpin community resilience? What relevance do the theoretical underpinnings of resilience in psychology and social ecology have when applied to communities?

This seminar is an exciting opportunity for UHI researchers to explore the potential of resilience thinking to contribute to the sustainability of rural communities and discuss opportunities for multi-disciplinary collaboration around this topic. Speakers at the seminar include **Professor Angie Hart, Academic Director of the award winning Community University Partnership Programme at the University of Brighton**. She is also Professor of Child, Family and Community Health in the School of Nursing and Midwifery in the Faculty of Health and Social Science. Prof. Hart is a child and family therapist and has published widely on the health of children and families and in relation to the concept of resilience. Her current work includes working with groups of parents and practitioners to implement and develop Resilient Therapy.

The seminar will be held at UHI's offices at Ness Walk, Inverness on the 27th of June 2011 and is aimed primarily at UHI researchers and Phd students. Attendance by VC arrangements is available from UHI sites and may be available elsewhere. If you wish to attend please complete the booking form and return to Ann.Clark@uhi.ac.uk as soon as possible as places are limited. Or ring 01463 255903



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