

WHO WE ARE

We are a community of organisations that work together to create safer work environments

+ Our purpose is to help keep society safe. We work to reduce the consequences of major accidents and disasters, both human-made and natural, for public benefit



+ Who we are

WHAT WE DO

We provide a forum where professionals from all disciplines can learn from one another




We welcome forward-thinkers who highlight ways that we can tackle high-hazard problems, head on. We want to protect our world and everyone in it.

WHERE WE ARE GOING

Our vision is to be seen as the independent enabler of the most needed debates and a key source of interdisciplinary knowledge on the control of major hazards

Our strategy sets us a challenge to expand our profile, reach and influence in enabling the debates on hazard and risk management and disaster prevention that are most needed; not necessarily always those most wanted. We maintain our independence and are free of any undue influence that would stifle or adversely influence the pursuit of our charitable object. We aim to be a key source of interdisciplinary knowledge on the control of major hazards and to ensure the knowledge we hold and create is accessible to a much wider audience. Expanding our reach across generations to attract and inspire young engineers and early career phase professionals is key to our future sustainability.

HOW WE ARE GOVERNED

 Hazards Forum is an unincorporated charitable association, governed by a board of trustees

You can find an up-to-date list of our trustees on our website and you can also read more about how we are governed in our governing document.

 [How we are governed](#)

OUR HISTORY

We have been committed to our purpose for over 35 years

- + We reach out to other industries and encourage them to share knowledge, join debates, and to collaborate with others to improve understanding of hazard and risk management

35+
YEARS

Founded in 1989 by the four principal engineering institutions (Institution of Civil Engineers, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Institution of Chemical Engineers, and the Institution of Engineering and Technology) our membership has expanded to other organisations in the public sector, the charity sector, and industry.



Our history

OUR MEMBERS



We have a thriving community

Our thriving community of professionals brings together engineers, operations, safety, and other professionals to share experience and promote cross-industry understanding.

Our Engineering Members include professional engineering institutions licensed by the Engineering Council (UK), professional affiliates of the Engineering Council (UK), and distinguished public or charity sector organisations concerned principally with the advancement of engineering.

Our Associate Members are bodies drawn from both the public and charity sectors, and whose purpose or objects broadly align with those of the Hazards Forum.

Our Corporate Members are bodies drawn from any sector or industry which has an interest in the work of the Hazards Forum and who endorse its objects, but do not meet the criteria for associate membership.

We want our member organisations to have a prominent voice. We encourage them to contribute to, and shape, the Hazards Forum's agenda. You can find out more about all of our members, including an up-to-date list, on our website.



Members

Influence and engagement

We pride ourselves on being a valuable source of information and advice to national and local government, regulators and other bodies.

We also support our member organisations for example, through providing access to expertise, initiation of and participation in research projects and peer review.

Our independence and charitable position makes us well placed to facilitate much needed debates, often in circumstances where stakeholders with interests in the subject of debate would not be able to lead such facilitation.

We are also represented on the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, enabling us to share our work with both houses of parliament and to interact with scientists, industry experts and politicians on issues where science and politics meet.



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MEMBERSHIP

Benefits of membership in your organisation:

- Join our three interest groups focussed upon: (1) natural hazards; (2) engineered systems hazards; (3) emerging and future technology risks.
- Learn lessons and explore the good practices of other industries and sectors.
- Develop networks and establish relationships with colleagues and organisations beyond your own sector.
- Promote the good practices of both your own organisation and industry sector to others.
- Expose your colleagues to new ways of thinking and fresh approaches to problems they may be dealing with.
- Provide continuous professional development for your employees (or members) through their attendance at meetings, events or as a guest speaker.
- Sponsor and shape events to raise the profile of your organisation.
- Benefit from preferential rates for related events promoted by partner organisations.



Membership

HOW WE OPERATE

Our Technical Advisory Committee

We have established a technical advisory committee comprised of representatives from our member organisations, which oversees our technical program of activities. These are delivered through our three interest groups.



Technical Advisory Committee

Our Interest Groups

The three groups comprise representatives from our member organisations. These groups hear from guest speakers, discuss topics of mutual interest, and share lessons, with the aim of turning their deliberations into high quality events imparting information and sharing insights which we report upon and make available on our website for the public benefit.

The groups are a vehicle for members to be part of important discussions on topical issues, as well as creating positive change within their particular field. Members of the groups meet regularly to learn from different industries and how others respond to specific hazards. The aim is that members can find solutions to problems they may experience in their industry and pass on useful practices that can be implemented elsewhere.

Each of our three interest groups informs and educates by sharing the latest research tools, methods, solutions and best practice. The groups also provide a forum in which interdisciplinary practitioners and decision-makers can connect and interact.

Interest Group 1 Natural Hazards

This group focuses on natural hazards and disasters, such as those that would occur in nature without any human influence (e.g. flooding, earthquake, lightning etc.) as well as those influenced or induced by human activity (e.g. climate change, pandemic etc.)

Interest Group 2 Engineered System Hazards

This group focuses on hazards arising from failures of engineered equipment, constructions, products and processes (or systems of these, or in the control of these), which could lead to catastrophic incidents resulting in significant injuries to people, significant damage to the environment, or large financial loss.

Interest Group 3 - Emerging and Future Technology

This group focuses on new technologies and risks that arise, or are inherent to these technologies, in order to enable a robust and resilient society (e.g. digitalisation, automation and AI, new energy, new materials and advanced manufacturing).



Interest Groups

OUR OUTPUTS

+ One of the main ways we help create safer working environments is by organising topical events with expert speakers

+ Event reports

Events and seminars

Our lunchtime and evening events are well-established, offering both in-person, online and hybrid formats aimed at those that work within hazards and risk management. From lectures, presentations, Q&As, panel discussions, workshops, seminars and webinars, our varied events feature leading engineers, scientists, industrialists and policy makers who offer their perspectives on high hazard issues.

Our events have addressed topics as diverse as the development of resilient infrastructure, design safety, hazards from new technology, natural hazards and the process industries, hazards from procurement, Grenfell, the regulation of chemicals, responding to pandemics, maintaining nuclear safety during a pandemic, and the challenges and opportunities of open data. Attendance at these events is free to our members.

+ Events

HOW WE OPERATE

Be part of it

If you believe that you can make positive change in your industry, get in touch today to learn more about membership and fees. We don't want your organisation or industry to miss out on this unique opportunity.

Sponsor our events

We offer your organisation the opportunity to be the exclusive sponsor of a Hazards Forum event. Benefits include:

- Logo on all marketing material - online and on the day
- Company logo to be used on the welcome presentation slides
- Company to be acknowledged by the Chair of the event in the opening remarks
- Feature in all Hazards Forum digital marketing and promotional material, including the Hazards Forum website, event booking page, social media and exclusive mailings to members
- Logo included in all pre and post-event communication with delegates
- Exhibition space at the in-person event
- Listed as sponsor on a large range of external websites (members of the Hazards Forum)
- Promotion of (one or two) sponsor-raised communications to the delegates

For in-person events, we offer an exclusive sponsorship package that covers the event catering costs. Please get in touch with the Hazards Forum directly to discuss the total cost for sponsoring one in-person event.

There is also the opportunity to sponsor one of our webinars or online events. Please get in touch to discuss how we can feature your company/organisation virtually, at a reduced cost.

You can connect with us in a variety of ways.

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-  @HazardsForum
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