

# 2021-22 Programme of events and webinars

Resilience First runs a wide range of events including webinars, conferences, networking events, project workshops, roundtables and networking receptions, aimed at sharing best practice, developing new ways of working and building corporate and stakeholder relationships.

Champions and members have priority access to our events.

## MAY 2021

### 11 May: Resilience reimaged: a practical guide for organisations

**Webinar: 3pm to 4pm BST**

#### **Speakers:**

**Lord Toby Harris**, Chairman, National Preparedness Commission

**Professor David Denyer**, Professor of Leadership and Organisational Change, Cranfield University

**Mike Sutliff**, Project Director, Resilience Grand Challenge, Cranfield University

**Rick Cudworth**, Partner, Deloitte

**Mike Butler**, Chief Resilience & Control Officer, Santander UK

The report warns we are entering a new period of uncertainty and change, with an ever-increasing possibility that things will go wrong. It sought answers from leading figures about how resilience can be developed, who does it well and what other businesses can learn from them. It also outlines practical steps necessary to strengthen resilience for long-term success and makes recommendations to business leaders on what more they can do to help their organisations to develop the ability to cope.

The authors will provide an overview of its contents, followed by a discussion on its significance and value.

#### **In partnership with the National Preparedness Commission**

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## **20 May: Placemaking and building resilient cities**

**Webinar: 3pm to 4pm BST**

### **Panel:**

**Rachel Skinner**, President, Institution of Civil Engineers (Chair)

**Greg Clark**, Group Advisor of Future Cities and New Industries, HSBC

**Peter Baird**, Senior Associate and Urban Designer, Perkins&Will

**Professor David Alexander**, Professor of Risk and Disaster Reduction, UCL

A community's connection to place is at the very heart of resilience and placemaking can play a crucial role in building upon this, ensuring the place is safeguarded and prepared for possible disruptions. Placemaking is a multi-faceted approach to the planning, design and management of public spaces and town centres. There are many examples and learnings from abroad where placemaking and community engagement have helped to deliver resilient places and cities.

At this briefing we will explore these learnings and what more can be done to ensure our towns and cities are better prepared to meet future shocks and stresses.

**In partnership with ICE**

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## **JUNE 2021**

## **23 June: Zoonosis: Avoiding the next pandemic**

**Webinar: 3pm to 4pm**

### **Keynote address:**

**Professor Dame Sally Davies**, GCB, DBE, FRS, FMedSci, Master, Trinity College, Cambridge and former Chief Medical Officer for England

**Chair: Sir Ian Andrews CBE TD**, Partner, IMA Partners

Professor Dame Sally Davies, the former Chief Medical Officer for England, advocates globally on AMR and is the convenor of The Trinity Challenge, a coalition of partners united by the common aim of developing insights and actions to contribute to a world better protected from global health emergencies.

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Professor Davies will provide Resilience First members with an insight on the nature of future pandemic risks and how we should approach the challenge of improving global health with greater determination, collaboration, enhanced resilience and better science.

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## JULY 2021

### **1 July: Decarbonisation and the role of technology roundtable**

#### **Roundtable**

This event presents the opportunity for a cross-sector discussion on implementation and measurement of net zero initiatives in industry following the publication of the Resilience First and Intel whitepaper on decarbonisation and the role of technology.

### **July (TBC): Launch of a Non-Executives Guide to risk and resilience**

A dynamic guide for NEDs to build and grow resilience best practice across their organisations. This is being delivered in partnerships with Pool Re and ICAEW.

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## SEPTEMBER 2021

### **September (TBC): Launch of Resilience First's Re-emergence Guide – Building Small Business Resilience**

This critical webinar will launch Resilience First's latest publication on Re-emergence Guide – Building Small Business Resilience, written in partnership with Russell-Cooke and Facebook.

Given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our society, communities, small and micro-businesses, the path towards reopening businesses may seem daunting. Through this guide, we will present the first steps in your journey to building business resilience, by sharing some strategies and considerations around business recovery and resilience.

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Times of change can also be opportunities to evolve and optimize capabilities, create more effective operating models, develop a strong culture of trust and transparency, engage with your customers, and prepare for the next disruption.

The seven pillars of small business resilience presented in the guide will focus on: People, Process, Patrons, Profits, Place, Promotion and Prepare

**September (TBC): Lessons Learnt from the Grenfell Tower. In partnership with the Fire Protection Association**

This important webinar looks at the planning and building recommendations and implications stemming from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry to ensure improved standards of security and safety in buildings.

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## OCTOBER 2021

**October (TBC): HS2 and Climate Mitigation with Control Risks**

Resilience First, in partnership with Control Risks, is delighted to present a session on the climate mitigation measures deliverable through HS2. It has been widely cited that HS2 will enable passengers and cargo to reduce their carbon footprints, by offering an alternative fast, convenient and more economical way of travelling around the country that steps away from carbon-intensive air travel, road freight and car journeys. However, there are some who question the complexity of the construction project and its green credentials. Through this session, we will explore the sustainable actions taken by HS2 and the rail industry in general to tackle climate change.

**October (TBC): Resilience in Planning – Keeping the high street alive**

This event will present a timely opportunity to revisit London's high streets and look at ways it plans to bounce forward, 18 months from the devastating impacts of Covid-19 and enforced social distancing measures.

Online sales coupled with rising business rates have made survival on the traditional high street increasingly challenging for retailers in the UK over the past decade, leaving aside the detrimental impacts of lockdown.

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This event presents the opportunity to hear from local government and retailers on their plans to reinvent high streets and town centres that are fit for purpose and future proof for the 21st century.

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## NOVEMBER 2021

### **November (TBC): Organisational Change – Transitioning businesses to become more sustainable**

Resilience First is pleased to collaborate with The Resilience Shift to promote best practice in sustainability by presenting latest innovations and changes from across industry sectors on transitioning businesses.

#### **Joint event with Resilience Shift**

### **November (TBC): Managing Disruptions in the Utility Sector.**

Following the water crisis in Cape Town in 2018, the power outage in the UK in 2019 and UK's disruptive storm Ciara in 2020 - not to mention the global pandemic, this event presents an opportunity for an update on lessons learnt and latest resilience planning around ensuring the delivery of critical infrastructure.

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## DECEMBER 2021

### **December (TBC): Lessons Learnt from the 'most devastating' cyberattack in history on FedEx, Merck and Maersk.**

Resilience First will host a briefing on lessons learnt, four years on from "the most devastating cyberattack in history". The cyberattack inflicted huge damage across countries and businesses notably FedEx, Merck, and Maersk. Resilience is key to adapting and emerging quickly from such attacks. At this event, we will hear about the lessons learnt as well as what businesses could do to prepare and overcome such catastrophic attacks.

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## **December (TBC): Briefing with Director General, National Crime Agency**

A year into Brexit and our new working environment, we look forward to hearing from the NCA and its latest plans and approaches to keeping Britain's businesses safe. We particularly look forward to hearing about the new arrangements for international collaborations now that we have officially left the EU as well as the latest threats that are emerging.

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## **JANUARY 2022**

### **Jan (TBC): Advancing Healthy Communities – Learnings from the strains and stresses of 2020**

This briefing will bring together top health officials with business leaders to consider key learnings for future business practices and promotion of employee wellbeing, following the far-reaching and devastating impacts of the Covid-19 lockdown during 2020.

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## **FEBRUARY 2022**

### **Feb (TBC): Resilience First's Global Summit - Cities Growing Forward Together Post Covid-19 and accelerating towards climate resilience**

The pandemic has accelerated unanticipated changes in cities across the world, which have resulted in strains and stresses in some circumstances but also improvements or efficiencies in some systems and services. These changes have also shone a light on the great inequalities across our cities as well as identified areas for investments and training.

Through this ambitious one-day summit, Resilience First aims to convene international city leaders, cross-sector business leaders and academics, to share and learn from each other as well as establish new partnerships to enable a cross-fertilisation of innovations for the betterment or future-proofing of cities and their residents.

### **Sponsorship opportunities available**

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