

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.

23 September: Lessons Learnt from the Grenfell Tower Fire.

In partnership with the Fire Protection Association

Webinar: 3pm to 4pm

Chair: Lord Toby Harris, Chair, National Preparedness Commission

Speakers: Terence Short GFireE, Principal Fire Safety Advisor, City of London Corporation; Howard Passey, Director of Operations, Fire Protection Association; and Barbara Lane, Director – Fire Engineer, Arup (Invited)

Resilience First is pleased to present this important webinar, in partnership with the Fire Protection Association.

The Grenfell Tower Inquiry was created to examine the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the fire at Grenfell Tower on the night of 14 June 2017. Changes to building regulations have already come into force following the tragedy. However, it is important to explore further the ramifications for the built environment, including sector reputational damage, to address and ensure ongoing improvements and safeguards are in place to progress standards of security and safety in buildings.

This session will allow our joint members to consider what else the sector could do to advance resilience best practice and standards across the industry and the communities they operate in.

OCTOBER 2021

5 October: Resilience First's Champions and Advisory Board dinner on the Integrated Review

Roundtable dinner: 7pm for 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Speaker: Roger Hargreaves, Head of Civil Contingencies Secretariat, Cabinet Office

Resilience First is pleased to invite our Champions and Advisory Board members to a senior executives' roundtable dinner discussion with Roger Hargreaves, Head of Civil Contingencies Secretariat, Cabinet Office. This special occasion will allow our business leads to hear more about the government's Integrated Review paper published in early 2021 as well as have the opportunity to talk about the UK's national resilience preparedness, especially in light of the Coronavirus and plans for a civilian reservist cadre.

This event will be delivered in accordance to the latest government's safety advice.

Hosting opportunity available

11 – 15 October: Innovate4Cities Summit (I4C) 2021

In partnership with UN-Habitat and Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

Virtual summit and in-person's fringe events

Resilience First is delighted to be supporting the delivery of the UN-Habitat and Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)'s Innovate4Cities Summit 2021. I4C 2021 is a virtual global and regional event that will bring together science and innovation, policy and practice united by a common objective: enabling cities to take accelerated and more ambitious climate action.

Across the globe, as societies tackle COVID-19 recovery in earnest, there is a real opportunity to build back better — to build cleaner, more resilient, sustainable societies and a fairer world.

I4C's key theme is the Global Research and Action Agenda. Discussions stemming from this broader theme will address more specific topics, such as post-pandemic recovery, climate justice and green strategies.

Resilience First's involvement is aimed at including businesses into this important topic and plans to deliver fringe events alongside the main summit.

Hosting opportunities available

NOVEMBER 2021

1-12 November: Resilience First's Race to Resilience series of events at COP26

Resilience First is delighted to host a series of business gatherings to encourage the private sector's contribution to the UNFCCC's Race to Resilience Campaign.

Communities gain from resilient businesses. A community's resilience is enhanced when local businesses are able to keep running in emergencies, providing continued support, activity and access to critical services, such as utilities, transport, communications, retail and banking, as well as direct employment. A breakdown in supply could lead to additional devastating and stressful consequences for local communities.

Greater business resilience also often leads to minimised risk and therefore a greater ability to invest in innovation and growth which in turns benefits the local communities.

Through our involvement in the Race to Resilience campaign, Resilience First aims to advance resilience best practice across businesses, especially in Global South for the benefit of the communities that rely on the businesses.

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.

December (TBC): Briefing with 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.

JANUARY 2022

Jan (TBC): Advancing Healthy Communities – Learnings from the strains and stresses of 2020-21

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 2020-21.

FEBRUARY 2022

February (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.

Joint event with Resilience Shift

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MARCH 2022

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

This event will present a timely opportunity to revisit London's high streets two years post the onslaught of the pandemic, and look at ways the high streets have tackled the challenges they faced and have emerged from the crisis.

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.

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.

APRIL 2022

April (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.

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MAY 2022

May (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

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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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