



Education for Young People

Disaster resilience education: empowering young people to act

The Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience (AIDR) promotes the development of disaster resilience education (DRE) as a vital component in children and young people's learning.

AIDR's Education for Young People program provides strategic support for stakeholders from the education sector, emergency services, and youth-focused organisations and facilitates networks and professional learning and is informed by the *Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction*, the *Comprehensive School Safety Framework*, and Australia's *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience*.

Young people have an important role to play in raising awareness of the ongoing risk of disaster and working to build safer, stronger communities.

DRE equips young Australians with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to take protective action before, during, and after an emergency or disaster. DRE promotes a vision of young Australians who are agents of change enabled to participate as active members in skilled and resilient communities, working to reduce the risk of disaster.

Disaster Resilient Australia New Zealand School Education Network (DRANZSEN)

- Provides a platform for sharing knowledge, practice, and resources to support learning and teaching about natural hazards and disaster risk reduction in Australia.
- Showcase initiatives which enable young people to develop and apply knowledge and skills to reduce the harmful impacts of disasters in the local context.
- Support and promote partnership approaches to disaster resilience, providing young people with authentic opportunities and audiences for learning, innovation, and action.
- 698 plus members across education, emergency services, and youth focused organisations.
- The DRANZSEN National Forum takes place every year and provides a platform to share experiences, learn from best practice examples and case studies, and consult on national priorities for disaster resilience education.



Youth panel with Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud in 2020.

Our World Our Say Report



The *Our World Our Say Report*, led by the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience and World Vision, is **Australia's largest ever consultation of children and young people on climate change and disaster risk**. The online survey was completed from February to April 2020, by **1,447 young Australians between the ages of 10 and 24**.

Results from the survey found that **88%** of young people in Australia **thought they should be learning more about natural hazards** and how to reduce them. Over **90%** of the young people surveyed had **lived through at least one natural hazard event** and over **60%** felt that **disasters were occurring more frequently**.

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