

How to cope when disaster strikes

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Coventry University is one of the world's leading institutions in disaster management and has organised a conference on 30 March which will look at the need for information sharing during a disaster.  
Invited speakers will cover the themes of climate change, the 2005 Pakistan earthquake and landslides and the last eruption of Vesuvius (which last erupted on 18 March 1944).  
The conference has been organised in collaboration with the SPIDER network (Science and Policy Interfaces for Disaster Reduction). They will be looking at the processes of information that cascades from scientists to the people on the ground, with the argument that scientists should do more to disseminate their  
the aid workers, Coventry University's Dr El Parker will be talking about the importance of dissemination of scientific research to aid workers -  
this will be explored on the day through the Pakistan earthquake response -  
as more people have died in landslides following the quake than they did in the earthquake, Dr. El Parker said:  
"This event will bring together academics from the physical and social sciences along with practitioners and policy makers in disaster management to discuss how scientific research findings can be more effectively transferred to stakeholders.  
"We will also be looking at case studies in volcanic hazards and other natural hazards associated with climate change."

