



UK Higher Education and Disasters

Funded by HEFCE from 2006 to 2008 to consider the interface between the HE and humanitarian sectors.

- A lot of activity in UK HE
- A lot of interest in humanitarian agencies
- No way of linking them up
- Worldwide impetus for interface (UN CADRI, RICS, HPA, Health cluster, US HE sector, Corporate DEC)
- Increasing professionalisation of humanitarian sector



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From the case studies we learnt...

- Mapping
- Relationship building
- Managing expectations
- Limiting factors for both sectors
- Difference in culture/language
- Employer-driven curriculum



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- Government priorities for: Knowledge Transfer/Exchange, Employer Engagement/Skills, third sector links and UK HE image in the global market, provide an impetus.
- Simultaneous discussions in Save the Children Alliance
- Funding for two years for the HE component from the four UK HE funding councils

