

Principles of disaster resilience education for young people

- There are **seven key principles** that underpin and inform effective disaster resilience education (DRE) for young people.

PRINCIPLE	DESCRIPTION
PLACE THE LEARNER AT THE CENTRE	The safety, wellbeing, perspectives and priorities of young people are the focus of effective learning design. Give young people the opportunity to influence learning design, implementation and evaluation. Put trauma-informed safeguards in place so the wellbeing of learners is actively monitored and supported.
REFLECT THE LOCAL CONTEXT	Take time to understand local history, hazard impacts, disaster risk and lived experience of the learning community.
BE INCLUSIVE	Design accessible and inclusive learning initiatives, providing appropriate adjustments for engaging and active learning experiences for all learners.
ESTABLISH AND STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS	Draw on expert advice and understand local contexts and audiences for DRE through partnerships and collaboration between learners, organisations and communities. Engage with learners to develop a shared understanding of risk, to develop and put in place appropriate protective actions, and to establish ongoing connections.
ENGAGE AND CHALLENGE LEARNERS	Build on the existing capacity of learners so that learning is relevant, engaging and challenging. Provide learners with the best opportunity to strengthen their skills, knowledge and experiences to improve their own resilience and that of their local community.
FOCUS ON ACTION	Use the method of 'learn by doing'. Provide opportunities to develop, collaborate and demonstrate practical skills and apply knowledge in a local context.
BUILD CAPABILITY	Develop the skills, knowledge and capability of individual learners and learning communities according to contemporary research and practice in learning design, assessment and evaluation. Evaluate programs appropriately to see that learning and skills development has been effective.

Take action

- **Access** the [Disaster Resilience Education for Young People](#) (AIDR 2021) Handbook.
- Check out AIDR's [Education for Young People](#) website where you can learn more about DRE, find educator resources, ways to connect and collaborate and see DRE in action.
- See how DRE fits into the [Australian Curriculum 9.0](#).