

Amy Stephenson

I have a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Development and Health in Disaster Management from Coventry University in the UK. During this degree I undertook a placement year and was involved in managing the response to the Buncefield Oil Depot explosion and fire. In 2007 I moved to New Zealand to pursue my Ph.D. studies. Now within the Civil & Natural Resources Engineering Department at the University of Canterbury, my current research focuses on measuring and benchmarking the resilience of organisations. This research is being done through the Resilient Organisations Research Programme and focuses not on specific hazards and their affects, but on measuring organisations capacity for response innovation and creativity, and the adaptation of organisations before, during and after crises.

Outside of work, I live in Christchurch but I like to travel as much as I can and I'm hoping to have seen most of New Zealand by the time I complete my studies. I also like to read (as long as it's not more research papers!), generally I read books about people, the environment or history as opposed to novels. I like to go dancing with my friends whenever I can and I enjoy painting abstract and fantasy art.