

Children and Flooding Project: Stakeholder Pledges

1st July 2015

Local and national stakeholders came to South Ferriby Primary School in North Lincolnshire to listen to the views and ideas of children who had been affected by flooding.

Reference as:

Children's Flood Manifesto 2015, Children, Young People and Disasters: Recovery and Resilience,
Lancaster University and Save the Children
<http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/cyp-floodrecovery/outputs>

In response to the event and to the Flood Manifesto created by the children, the following pledges were made:

Emergency Planners:

- Find a way for children and young people to have a voice at our Control Teams during response and recovery.
- Push harder in getting our "Safe Havens" project into the national school curriculum. Work harder with community groups to work alongside the local authority to support the restoration and recovery phases of emergencies. Review my recovery plan to ensure the manifesto is covered.
- Think about how we can develop messages aimed at children during an emergency.
- Try and work with schools to ensure they have flood evacuation plans.

Environment Agency:

- Help children understand what flood warnings mean when they are issued so they know what to do.

Fire and Rescue Service:

- Educate children about what to do in the event of flooding and general water safety.
- Inform others of what I have heard today and how it has made you all feel. Help in any way possible.
- Respond when you call, help you recover when you ask.
- Work with local schools and communities to help them become better prepared to prevent, respond and protect themselves in the future.

Schools & Education Service:

- Even though I may not be affected, I will help those who need assistance, supplies etc. and rally others to do the same.
- Make sure the messages are shared about flooding to as many children and adults as possible.
- Make sure children can get back to school as soon as possible after flooding.
- Teach children how to be more prepared for a flood, both practically and emotionally.

Local and Parish Council:

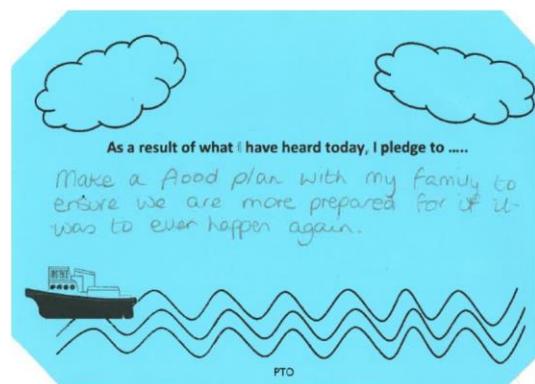
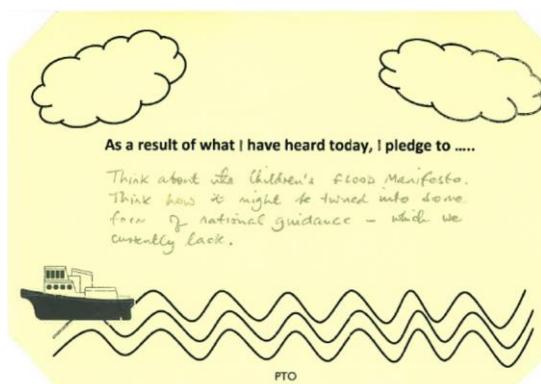
- Continue to work hard with my colleagues and our MP, Andrew Percy, to improve the flood defences and flood resilience for South Ferriby village.
- Work hard as a parish councillor to secure improved flood defences.
- Push for "flood protection" to be given the highest priority for South Ferriby and all vulnerable people and animals living on the side of the river Humber, Trent & Ouse.

Local Business:

- Provide support in any means possible before, during or after so to minimise the impact upon the community and to aid its reinstatement.
- Support the community as much as possible in improving safety.

National Organisations – Researchers, Insurance Industry, Charities:

- Think about the Children's Flood Manifesto. Think how it might be turned into some form of national guidance - which we currently lack.
- Tell as many people I can, in the wider insurance industry, about this evening (how marvellous the children were), the project and where we can learn.
- Always be honest with children about what's happening.
- Learn more about what I can do to support children and young people should a flood occur.



Parents and Grandparents:

- Help as much as possible during and after any incidents.
- Listen to the children's comments about this project and tell friends and family about tonight's presentation and its content.
- Make a flood plan with my family to ensure we are more prepared for if it happens again.
- Take the risk of flooding a little more seriously.
- Offer support, whether it be listening to a child, or providing help via providing hot food.
- Try to understand the feelings of adults and children affected. Do my utmost to be there for them.
- Be more honest with the children - they need to know what is happening.
- Be more aware of flood warnings.
- Keep my children better informed of flood planning. Hopefully the need will never arise.
- Support our children and help our community.
- Ask questions and be aware of the mental effect on children whether directly or indirectly involved.
- Always be truthful with my children, let them know what is happening. Be strong for one another if it happens again.

Children:

- Help anyone who is in need of help and who has been flooded and who hasn't got a home.
- Help others by cleaning up their houses.
- I promise to keep everyone's houses safe.
- Ring the people who help us, ring 999, get the fire engine.
- Try and help all flooded people and give clothes to the flooded people.
- I could help myself by spending my money wisely after the flood.
- Keep people safe.
- Help friends and family if they were flooded.
- Always tell mummy to get the stuff that matters to me upstairs.
- Give more warnings out to everyone.
- Help our dads and mums.
- Protect and help people when it floods or when it's any natural disaster.
- Tell more people about the dangers of flooding.
- Be better prepared and have flood proof toilet.
- I promise to watch the news.
- I promise to go and help when it floods again.

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