

Collaboration Across Sectors – The BRE Experience and Forward Intentions

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UK Shelter Forum 25 - Cross-sector collaboration for community resilience



The Partnerships Network

In the past 20 years, BRE Trust has built up strong links with over 50 Universities in the U.K. with the merging with Construction Excellence in 2016, BRE Trust has extended the University Partnerships even further and currently has nearly 100 links.

BRE Trust's internationalisation strategy focuses on enhancing our global presence, profile and esteems through a wide range of activities which encompass joint research, sponsorship for research students, travel grants and awards.

Find out more

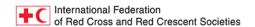
Details on the current BRE Trust sponsored studentships from here.

Opportunities on BRE Trust grants and award.









QSAND has moved...





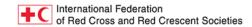




QSAND now sits within the BRE Trust, having been transferred over from BRE Group in March this year.







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BRE Trust- UK's largest independent charity for research and education in the built environment



250+ projects, total value £30m+



£50m+ new funding



150+ PhD studentships



20 new standards, 15 new certification schemes



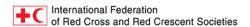
1500+ new publications, presentations and technical articles



250+ new partners Outreach to 500k people







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Strategic Objectives

Create state-of-theart research and teaching capability Develop world class skills through lifetime learning Increase the exploitation and value of Innovation

Grow the size and funding of the Programme

Form new partnerships to extend delivery and outreach

Make a positive **impact** on the built environment

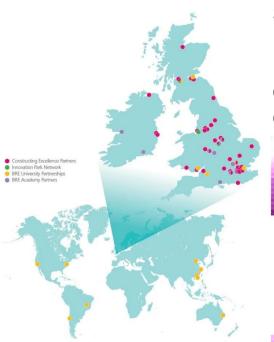




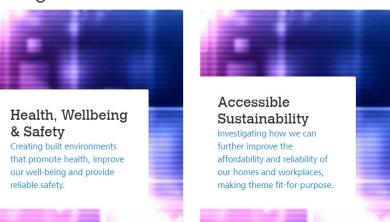




BRE Trust works through a partnership network to achieve its goals



Strong university network, including five Centres of Excellence and many partnerships with lecturers and PhD students across almost 100 universities globally, conducting research that falls broadly into three categories.



Adaptability & Resilience

Working to create buildings and environments that are adaptable to needs, circumstance and external influences.







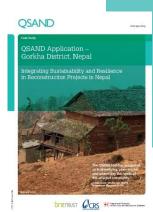
What is QSAND?

QSAND is a free-to-use sustainability and resilience framework developed by BRE on behalf of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).



QSAND is a collaborative tool.

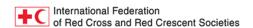










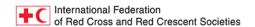


Key Collaboration Issues within the Humanitarian Sector

- Identifying Appropriate Partners
 - NGOs? Donor bodies? Local / National Government?
- Finding the Right Moment and Level in which to Intervene
 - Post-Disaster? Pre-Disaster?
 - International NGOs? Local NGOs? Community Level?
 - UK-based Academic Institutions?







Identifying Appropriate Partners



QSAND Application Knowledge Dissemination Practitioner Training



Research and Development Transition from Reconstruction to Resilience Student Group Engagement



Project Monitoring and Evaluation Technical Guidance Development Knowledge Dissemination



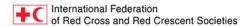














Creating a delivery network

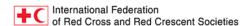


Current Funding: BRE Trust £50k, Redevco Foundation £100k, other direct in-kind £350k, Total value from associated projects £4.5-5m

New Funding Sources: DFID, Private CSR, other Trusts and Foundations







Learning from the Sector

Careful not to duplicate efforts – host links to other sources of information (e.g. Humanitarian Library, WeAdapt, PreventionWeb, University portals)

Facilitate Cross-Sector Partnerships – Lessons Learned and Shared

www.bretrust.org.uk/knowledgehub

Need for more strategic partnerships – rather than funding one-off PhDs or research projects, the Trust is looking to form a coherent narrative around projects that they can build on with partners from all sectors.



The actions of the BRE Trust are directed in 3 core programmes, across which knowledge and partnerships are interconnected to provide impactful, appropriate projects:





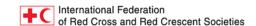


| | Humanitarian Actors | Private Sector | Academic Sphere |
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| QSAND Application | Apply QSAND alongside local organisations to improve disaster relief and build local capacity | Use QSAND to help guide humanitarian considerations in international projects | Apply QSAND in research contexts, to produce data to support the development of the tool and accompanying training material |
| Training Materials | Identify key areas where skills are lacking, either globally or in specific contexts, where BRE expertise could support new training | Support with material development, either through providing technical input, supporting CPD training opportunities, or financial support | Provide expertise to input into training materials, identify gaps in current academic courses |
| Knowledge and Skill Dissemination | Deliver trainings and engage in local capacity building, with Trust support | Provide a platform in local and international contexts for dissemination, through CPD, CSR, and other business initiatives | Support through research, education, and through engagement with student groups, both internationally and locally |

This is an outline of the current strands of research and development we are looking to build upon through QSAND and the BRE Trust resilience programme. We are looking for other partners to support us in developing these areas, as well as to expand our current activities with already-established relationships.







BRE's Future Engagement Opportunities

- Development of educational and training materials with QSAND at the core
 - Practitioner training UK construction industry, humanitarian sector
 - Local community training sustainability and resilience awareness
 - Academic settings materials for students, engagement with student groups

Local Engagement

- Through INGO networks to target local population
- Pre-disaster support to boost resilience

Access further resources and support mechanisms through the BRE Trust Network.



Thank you

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