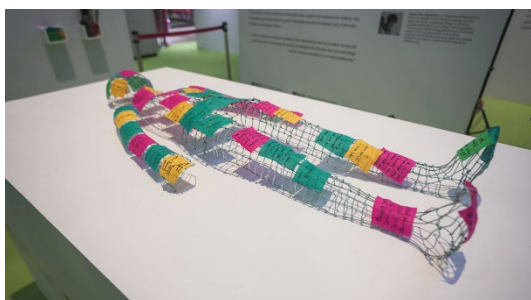
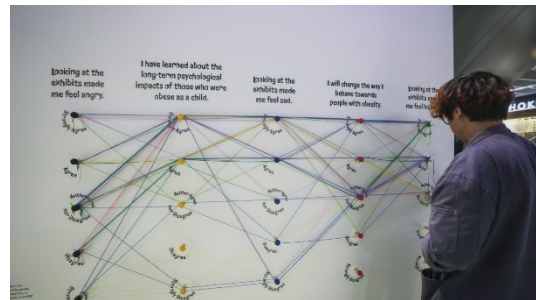


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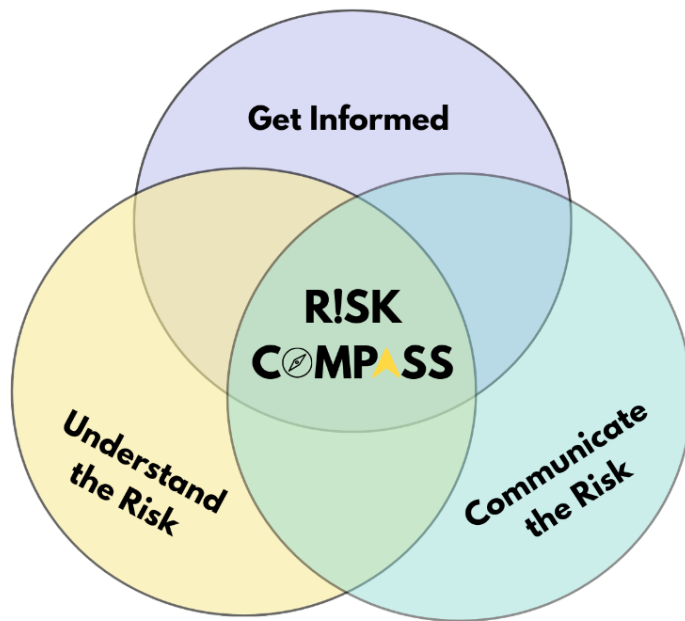
The psychological risk and impact of obesity and body-shaming

From 26 Jan - 1 Feb 2026, shoppers in Funan Mall paused for something unexpected: stories about growing up with obesity. IPUR and the Centre for Behavioural and Implementation Science Interventions (BISI) organised an exhibition using art and lived experiences to surface what's often missed in health conversations: obesity is not only a physical risk, but also a social and psychological one shaped by childhood experiences and how people are treated.

The Visualising Obesity's Impact from Childhood Experiences (VOICE) exhibition welcomed about 3,000 visitors over the week-long event and featured a panel on 27 Jan exploring the impact of childhood obesity, body shaming and weight stigma.

The exhibition was led by [Dr Jumana Hashim](#), BISI Research Fellow and featured the work of artists [Ms Hannah See](#) and [Mr Joshua Tan](#).

The exhibition opened with a panel discussion featuring [Dr Keri McCrickerd](#) (BISI), counsellor [Ms Gayatri Singh](#), [Ms Rani Dhaschaineey](#), founder of the Curve Cult and [Mr Julian Wong](#) (RICE Media). One key message was that good intentions are not enough. Even well-meaning comments from family members, educators and peers can cause harm. True accountability requires reflection and willingness to change. [Read more.](#)



Risk Compass: Where evidence meets perception

Evidence alone is not enough to persuade or shift attitudes. The Risk Compass is a strategic guide with curated resources designed to strengthen risk communication. It helps you move beyond simply presenting facts, recognising that evidence alone doesn't persuade, and that public perception, trust, and context also play a pivotal role in strongly influencing how people interpret risks and how they respond.

Through a practical 3-step guide and a curated insights library, Risk Compass supports clearer and more credible communication that people can understand and act on. The outcome is better decision-making, fewer misunderstandings, and higher trust, especially when uncertainty is high. Explore the [Risk Compass](#).

The image is a promotional graphic for the 'Risk Radar' podcast. It has a dark blue background. In the top left, there is a white microphone icon next to the text 'RISK RADAR' in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below this, the tagline 'SPOTTING TOMORROW'S RISKS, TODAY.' is written in white. In the top right corner, the NUS logo (National University of Singapore) and the text 'Lloyd's Register Foundation Institute for the Public Understanding of Risk' are displayed. The central focus is a circular portrait of Prof Ben Newell, a man with short dark hair wearing a dark button-down shirt. Behind the portrait is a white audio waveform graphic. To the right of the portrait, the text 'Climate risk communication: Perception, choice and decision making.' is written in white. At the bottom, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the text 'PROF BEN NEWELL' and 'Director, UNSW Institute for Climate Risk & Response' in black.

Risk Radar Podcast: How climate risk communication shapes policy and public perception

Our latest episode of Risk Radar features a conversation with [Prof Ben Newell](#) from the Institute for Climate Risk & Research (ICRR) at the University of New South Wales. In this episode, we unpack how climate risk communication can influence both policy and public risk perception. Prof Newell discusses useful climate risk reporting techniques and practices that engage both government agencies and businesses, how to strike the right balance between technical risk reporting and plain language, and shares his thoughts on how best to align a person's understanding of a risk and their motivation to take action.

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Fight misinformation with trust, not just data

During her seminar on 28 Jan 2026 titled, “Risk in an Era of Misinformation,” [Prof Heidi Larson](#) (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) explored how misinformation reshapes the way people perceive and respond to risk, particularly in public health contexts. She remarked that risk perception is not driven purely by scientific data, but also by emotion, trust, social identity, and cultural context. Watch the full recording [here](#).



[Five new team members join IPUR to support key research initiatives](#)

IPUR is pleased to welcome five new team members who will be supporting in various strategic research areas of the Institute including AI and emerging technologies, coastal flood risk, alternative proteins and climate action, and the UN Global Risk Report 2026. [Read more](#).

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Messaging for climate and weather disaster risk reduction: What we've learned by combining the World Risk Poll with other datasets

 25 March 2026  Online Webinar

 5:00pm - 6:00pm (GMT+08)



Dr Andrea Taylor
Associate Professor of Risk Communication,
University of Leeds

[Dr Andrea Taylor](#) will discuss how her team have linked a range of datasets with the World Risk Poll to identify a) generalisable vs country specific predictors of climate and weather risk perception and preparedness; b) clusters of countries with common weather risk preparedness profiles for message targeting; and c) the characteristics of national weather service provision corresponding with warnings being received.

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