

Bio – August 2026 NISG Group Meeting Presenter – Dr. Nigel McConnell, BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD, C. Psych, FHEA



Dr Nigel McConnell is a Chartered Psychologist with the British Psychological Society, a Lecturer in Human Behaviour in Fire, and the Programme Director for the MSc Fire Safety Engineering programme at Ulster University. He is a member of FireSERT, where his teaching and research focus on human behaviour in fire, evacuation, residential fire safety, fire safety education, and the psychological impacts of fire incidents

His research has examined pre-movement times, evacuation behaviour, refuge areas, and the evacuation experiences of occupants during the 9/11 World Trade Centre attacks.

He has also worked on fire safety for older people and adults at risk, including collaborative work with Belfast Health and Social Care Trust through Safety Together, and international fire safety education work in Ghana.