



INQUEST

TRUTH, JUSTICE & ACCOUNTABILITY

Grenfell : Article 2 Human Rights Act
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Introducing INQUEST

- Independent charity formed in 1981
- Free specialist casework service to bereaved people following deaths in custody, detention and other contentious deaths such as Grenfell Tower.
- Evidence based policy, research and legal work; primarily informed by the collective experience of the bereaved people we work with.
- Coordinates INQUEST Lawyers Group, a national pool of lawyers who represent bereaved families and share values and aims of INQUEST.
- Regularly publishes journal INQUEST Law, including relevant articles, case notes and case law updates.



Families tell us

- They want Truth, Justice and Accountability.
- They want meaningful change so something like that never happens again.

Article 2 Human Rights Act – The right to life

- Article 2: Right to life:
 - Everyone’s right to life shall be protected by law. No one shall be deprived of his life intentionally save in the execution of a sentence of a court following his conviction of a crime for which the penalty is provided by law.
 - Deprivation of life shall not be regarded as inflicted in contravention of this Article when it results from the use of force which is no more than absolutely necessary:
 - (a) in defence of any person from unlawful violence;
 - (b) in order to effect a lawful arrest or to prevent the escape of a person lawfully detained;
 - (c) in action lawfully taken for the purpose of quelling a riot or insurrection.

Article 2 Human Rights Act – The right to life


- Places obligations on the State – negative, positive, investigative
- Impact of Article 2 on post death investigative processes

Inquest or Inquiry?

- Similarities and Differences between the two.
- Why an Inquiry for Grenfell?

The Grenfell Tower Inquiry

- Setting up the Inquiry – Terms of Reference
- Timeline so far
- Trust in the process – eg panel
- Proper and meaningful participation of those most affected – eg venue, lawyers asking questions
- Recommendations **not** binding on the Government.



The screenshot shows the website for the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. At the top left is the logo "Grenfell Tower Inquiry". To the right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a red "Leave Site" button. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: Home, About, News, Documents, Evidence, Hearings, Venue, Team, and Contact. The main content area has a blue background with a repeating pattern of interlocking circles. The text reads: "The Grenfell Tower Inquiry is an independent public inquiry, set up to examine the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the fire at Grenfell Tower on 14 June 2017." Below this is a white box with a blue border. On the left, it says "Phase two schedule" and "The full list of issues being considered in Phase 2 can be found [here](#)." On the right, there is a blue button that says "Path to phase two hearings". At the bottom of the screenshot is a dark grey bar with the text "Latest from the Inquiry" in white.

Family reflections on Grenfell: No voice left unheard



INQUEST held a Family Consultation Day with bereaved families earlier this year.

Families came together to speak about the aftermath of the fire and the process of Phase One of the Grenfell Public Inquiry.

Powerful anonymised report with family testimony at its heart.

Suggestions for change for best practice from their lived experience.



“Participation in a meaningful way is what would give the Inquiry credibility. Justice must be seen to be done”.



- Bereaved Family Member



“If our lawyers had the chance to speak, it would have been far better. What are we doing there if we are not allowed to scrutinise?”



- Bereaved Family Member

- The families' key suggestions regarding the second phase of the Inquiry concentrated on putting families at the heart of the Inquiry process;
- the need for an independent diverse decision-making Inquiry panel;
- meaningful consultation on selecting the venue;
- practical improvements ensuring facilities are family friendly;
- support for families whose first language is not English e.g. skilled interpreters proficient in the specific dialects spoken by individual families;
- re-examination of procedures for questioning witnesses to enable family lawyers to directly ask questions;
- adoption of a duty of candour by public authorities and public entities;

- The Public Authority Accountability Bill
- Duty of Candour
- Equality of Arms

Next steps for the Grenfell Inquiry:

- Expectation of the Phase one report to be published in October 2019
- Oral hearings for Phase two to begin in January 2020 before the chairman and two panel members.

In memory of the 72 people who lost their lives in Grenfell Tower

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