

Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission

**Published today: a commemorative video message from the
Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission**

***'To those who lost their lives, we promise never to forget.
To those who survived, we promise never to forget.
To those who bore witness, we promise never to forget.
And to the next generation, we must never forget.
Together we will work to build a fitting memorial.
One that will stand the test of time and act as a permanent symbol of remembrance.
Forever in our hearts.'***

These are the poignant words spoken by the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission's community representatives, in [their first video message published today](#), and ahead of the fourth anniversary of the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

In their direct message to bereaved families, survivors and local residents, the community representatives emphasise **their wish to hear the hopes and ideas of as many bereaved families, survivors and residents as possible**. This will ensure that the future memorial is developed by the community, for the community. The Memorial Commission has heard from a lot of people already but wants the memorial to reflect the thoughts, ideas and feelings of many more and, most importantly, the bereaved families.

In the video, filmed in and around the Lancaster West estate where the Tower stands, the community representatives voice some of their own wishes for the memorial. They hope that it will **leave a legacy and a long-lasting symbol of remembrance; a source of education that helps to ensure the tragedy is never forgotten and brings positive change; a place where people can come together and pay their respects; and a representation of the love and unity within this special community**.

The **community representatives and the co-chairs are keen to speak to you however it suits you best** and in whatever language you are most comfortable with. Please see [the online contact page](#) for the different ways to get in touch and to sign up to the Memorial Commission's newsletter. You can also follow them [on Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

The Memorial Commission's independent co-chairs, Michael Lockwood and Thelma Stober, have also [released a video today](#), in which Michael speaks on behalf of both co-chairs and

gives a message of support to the Memorial Commission and the whole community at this time.

PRESS AND MEDIA ENQUIRIES

The Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission is independent of the government. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government provides communications support in its role as the Memorial Commission's secretariat.

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Further information:

- This video was filmed in May 2021 by production company BigSmall TV and was supported by local multi-media artist, Constantine Gras. Filming took place in Avondale Park, Avondale Park School, Thomas Jones School and the Lancaster West estate.
- The intention to establish an independent Memorial Commission [was announced in September 2018](#). Its terms of reference can be found [on its website](#).
- The Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission's [community representatives](#) were voted in during July 2019. There are ten representatives: five represent the bereaved families, two represent former residents (survivors), and two represent Lancaster West estate residents. The community representatives featured in the video are: Hanan Cherbika, Hanan Wahabi, Nabil Choucair, Sandra Ruiz and Susan Al-Safadi.
- In February 2020, the [Memorial Commission's co-chairs](#) were announced and introductory events took place within the community. From September 2020, meetings and conversations have been taking place with individuals and groups to hear people's [ideas and thoughts](#), and to inform the vision for the memorial.
- Between September–December this year, the Memorial Commission aims to publish its report on the future memorial, and options for how the memorial site will be owned and sustainably managed in the long term.
- Further details about the Memorial Commission's journey until now, and its next steps, can be found in their [timeline](#).
- To contact the Memorial Commission, please go to [their contact page](#) or email GTMCsecretariat@communities.gov.uk. Follow them on Twitter at [@GrenfellTowerMC](#) and [Instagram](#).