

Grenfell memory project

What people said about the project



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About the Grenfell memory project



We are the London Fire Brigade.



This report is about what we learned during early conversations with people about the **Grenfell Memory Project**.



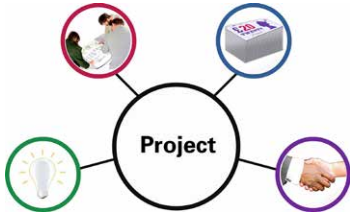
The Grenfell Tower block of flats caught fire in June 2017.



It was the worst fire in the UK since World War 2. 72 people died in the fire.



After the fire there was a legal process to support people affected.



We set up this project after the **Civil Settlement Agreement 2023**:



- This was a legal agreement to end legal claims from people affected by the fire.



- It included people who lived through the fire and families of those who died.



The London Fire Commissioner promised over £8 million to fund this project.



The aim of the Grenfell Memory Project is to:

- Honour the people who died.



- Make a lasting difference for the community.



- Help heal the relationship between London Fire Brigade and:
 - Close family of those who died.
 - People who lived through the fire.
 - People living in the Grenfell Walkways.
 - Others affected by the fire.



We worked closely with the people that were part of the Civil Settlement Agreement to make this project.

About this report



We asked the people that were part of the Civil Settlement Agreement for their views. We wanted to plan the project around what is important to them.



We spoke to 329 people. This included:

- 68 family members of those who died.
- 261 people who lived through the fire.
- People living in Grenfell.
- People affected by the fire.
- Young people.



We supported people so they could share their views.



This is a report about what people said.

[You can read more details in the main report here.](#)

Key themes

People shared ideas, views and wishes for the project. We grouped them into 4 themes:



1. Personal Memory Projects.



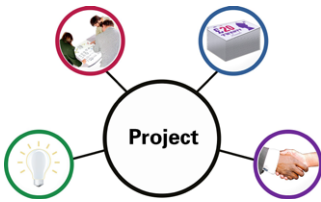
2. Children and young people.



3. Working towards a safer future.



4. Community strength and ways to cope with difficulties.



These themes will help build the project.



Verve, a separate company, looked at the feedback we had:



- They looked at notes, questionnaires, interviews, and feedback from meetings.



- They suggested next steps for the project.

What people said

People had different views, but they agreed on some main points:



- People should have a choice on how they remember their loved ones.



- People should be treated with respect and care.



- We should do things that will help people and the community for many years.



- We should support the community to lead or guide the projects.



Some families want quiet spaces for reflection or prayer.



Others want private memorials or to help their community.



Some families need help to make personal memory projects.



Children and young people affected by Grenfell Tower Fire need support.



People were worried about:

- Emotional trauma – Some children still feel very upset and worried because of the fire.
- Some children or young people missed school or had problems learning.
- Some need help with stress, anxiety, or other mental health problems.



Mental health support should respect different cultures.



Young people need support for their future. This could be things like money for study and training.



Community groups should help young people. They should work together and share skills.



People spoke about how funding is important to support these activities.



People want the project to support training for skilled workers in the building industry to learn lessons from Grenfell.



Many people want training to include the experiences of people who lived through the fire and families.



They want these experiences added to courses and rules for the building industry.



People want a safe community hub near Grenfell Tower for people who live there. Especially for young people.



People want support for activities that bring people together.

Recommendations



A recommendation is an idea or suggestion for the best way to do something.



These recommendations come from what people said.



They will guide the next steps of the project.

Personal Memory Projects



1. Give money for personal projects

Have a grant scheme to support personal memory projects for close family members.



Details like grant size, who can apply, and how to apply will need more planning.

2. Help close family members create their projects



Give people time and space to plan their own memory projects.



Let people remember in their own ways that feel right to them.

Children and young people



3. Support learning and training

Create a grant scheme for young people affected by the fire.



This could cover college, training, and other ways of learning.

4. Focus on those most affected



Support should go first to children and young people most affected by the fire.



We should explain clearly who will get this support first.



5. Support life skills

Young people and families said activities outside school are important.



We should think about having grants for personal development and life skills.

6. Support through community groups



We can use our networks and funding to:



- Work with local youth organisations.



- Encourage groups to work together.



- Help staff build skills.



- Give money to local youth activities. For places, like buildings, and online work.

Working towards a safer future

7. Use lived experience to raise awareness



Include stories from people who lived through the fire and families in training.



Work with the building industry and skilled worker groups.



Resources should be based on research. Share information with others in UK and across the world.

8. Make buildings safer



We can help improve safety in the building industry.



We should make resources like guides, films, and toolkits.



These should be shared with people making rules, colleges, and industry leaders.

Community strength

9. Community strength grant scheme



Make a grant scheme to help community groups.



The fire affected some groups more than others. So, they should get extra support first.

The scheme could pay for:



- Services that help groups most affected.



- Services that improve mental health and wellbeing for disabled, elderly, and people who have recently come to live in the UK.



- Activities that bring people together to learn, work, and celebrate.



- Projects that share lessons from Grenfell and help people understand what happened.

10. Community hub



People want a community hub.



Include space in the hub for youth activities, prayer, therapy, and community events.



Let local people, families, and survivors plan the hub.



Have a clear plan and funding to make it last long term.

11. Working groups for families, survivors and residents



Set up groups to guide the Memory Project.



Include close family members, survivors, residents, and community members.

Other goals

12. Giving grants

We should give grants to people and community groups.



Grants should have:

- A clear aim.
- Rules about how much money, who can apply, and what it can be used for.
- An easy way to apply.
- Checks to make sure the money is used properly.

13. Communications plan



Good communication is very important.



Make a clear plan to share information about the project.

14. Working with people



People want a fair and open way of sharing their views.



We should use the best ways of working and lessons learnt.



We will use these recommendations and people's views to plan the next steps of the project.

What happens next



Thank you for reading this report about the Grenfell Memory Project.



We are very grateful to everyone who shared their views and ideas. Your voices will help us plan the next steps of the project.



We would like to hear what you think about this report. You can also ask us any questions.

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