

Party: Core Participant

Name: Loris Trevisan

No: 1st

Date: 1st June 2018

GRENFELL TOWER INQUIRY

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
LORIS TREVISAN**

I, Mr LORIS TREVISAN, care of Hanover Bond Law, Juxon House, 100 St Paul's Churchyard, London, EC4M 8BU, will say as follows:

1. I am the Father of Gloria Trevisan, who, at the age of 27, lost her life alongside her boyfriend Marco Gottardi in Flat 202 on the 23rd Floor of Grenfell Tower during the fire on 14th June 2017.

Background

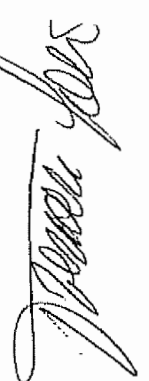
2. Gloria was born on 2nd December 1990. She was 26 and a half when she passed away. She was born on the same day as her mother. Gloria grew up in the family home in Camposampiero, in the province of Padua in the Veneto region of Italy.
3. I have another child, a son called Giulio, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Gloria and
Giulio had a great relationship and never argued. Giulio loved Gloria very much.



4. After years of studying at University and a lot of sacrifices made to get her degree, she graduated on 18th October 2016 in architecture from the 'IUVA' (Venice University Institute of Architecture) with top marks.
5. Gloria was a very healthy girl. She had no known health conditions. She was very sporty and active and went to the gym, she looked after herself.
6. She had a boyfriend called Marco Gottardi who also died in the fire. She met Marco at University and they were together for about two years before moving to London.

Moving to London

7. After not finding satisfying work in Italy that matched their skills and paid a good salary, Gloria and Marco decided to move to London to learn English and find work in their field. They left Italy on 4th March 2017. Gloria hoped to enrol in an English Course as her knowledge of the language was quite basic, and then to look for a job and, if they found work, to stay in London. It would have been difficult for Gloria to be away from home and her family. I believe she had been to London before for a trip. However this was the first time she lived away from home. Gloria and Marco wanted to work and to have a new life experience. Unfortunately, at that time, Italy could not give them this opportunity.
8. I am unsure how long Gloria wanted to stay in London. The job she found at Peregrine Bryant was a maternity cover position from June until the end of the year, and so maybe she would have stayed until the end of the year. Her intention was to find a decent job in her field where she could support herself, and she found this at Peregrine Bryant. She found this job after sending out a couple of CV's. I think she started at the beginning of June. Gloria told us it would take her around 40 minutes to get to work and that she would work from 9am-6pm, Monday to Friday I think. From what I can remember, her position was to work on a project involving the restoration of a Military Hospital and to shadow a colleague. Gloria was so happy to have found this job, she was born to draw and did the most beautiful drawings and

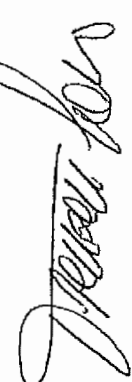


portraits. In my heart I was hoping she wouldn't find a job and that she would come back home after a month. I was very proud of her.

9. I spoke to Gloria almost every other day on the phone or on a video call. She spoke to my wife a lot, they were very close. I guess she also wanted to talk to her more as she did not have as many friends in England yet as she did here in Italy. When I came home from work I would ask my wife if she had spoken to Gloria. This was really the first time she had been away from home properly.

Grenfell Tower

10. When Gloria and Marco first moved to London, they stayed with an English family, which was organised by the English course they did. It was a pre-arranged agreement where they paid for the course and accommodation in advance from Italy, and so they had somewhere to stay as soon as they arrived in London. I think they went to live in Grenfell Tower after they finished the course, I don't know when exactly. They were grownups, for me, the only important thing was that they were ok.
11. Gloria seemed happy with the flat. She told me they were happy there. The only thing she mentioned was that the bathroom wasn't completely finished and there was still some work to be done on that. The only thing I said to her when she told me about that apartment was "couldn't you find something a bit lower down"? We don't really have buildings of that height in Italy.
12. We didn't go to visit Gloria and Marco due to work commitments and also because they had tickets to come home booked for 21st June 2017, the week after the fire took place. They booked a week off work to come home because it was Marco's birthday and it was my and my wife's wedding anniversary.

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The 14th of June 2017

13. I will always remember this day as it is my wedding anniversary, and now for other reasons. This thing that I cannot get over is that they already had tickets booked to fly home the following week. My wife asked Gloria to come home for our wedding anniversary but Gloria said she would prefer to come back for Marco's birthday, as his birthday was the week after. They had booked tickets for the next week, the 21st, the Wednesday, to come home.

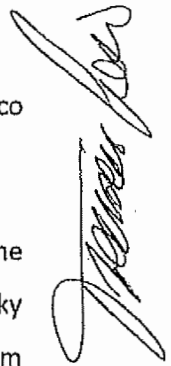
Telephone calls from Gloria on the night of 14th June 2017

14. On the night of 14th June, I was woken up by my mobile phone ringing at 02.38am Italian time. It was an audio call from Gloria. She seemed a bit frightened and alert. She wanted to talk to her mother. I woke up my wife who then called Gloria back from her phone. From that moment on, I did not talk to Gloria directly, however I heard the conversation that my wife was having with her. Gloria told my wife that there was a problem and that there was a fire.

15. While they were talking, the phone kept cutting off. There must have been around 10 phone calls. I don't really remember what happened or what was said, I have a very confused memory of it all, the only thing I could do in that moment was to cry. I lost my head.

16. My wife asked if they had called the fire brigade and I know that Gloria said Marco had seen them arrive from down below.

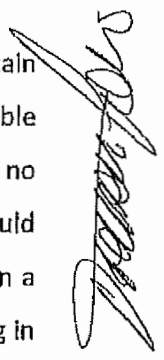
17. It is difficult for me to quantify how long it took us to fully understand the seriousness of the situation. I remember that I switched the TV on, and saw on Sky News the images of the building in flames. This would have been at around 03:15am Italian time. I was devastated. I wanted to die, if I had a gun, I would have killed myself.



18. I think the last call is the one that lasted the longest and it finished at around 4am Italian time. The contents of the last phone call are very personal and intimate.
19. My son Giulio took the first flight out to London from Venice the next day and stayed a couple of days searching for Gloria. He went around all the hospitals looking for her and searching for any information in vain.
20. I don't remember when we were officially notified of Gloria's death. I think it was 2 or 3 days later when we were notified by the Italian Consulate.

Concerns and questions

21. I have many questions about that night. The thing that I can't get over is how much time passed from when the fire started to when Gloria and Marco died. There was enough time to get out.
22. I do not understand why they did not have certain measures in place that could have saved them. For example, why were there no sprinklers in the building? For a building of that size there should have been something like that in place. I have also discovered that there were no inflatable mattresses that could have been placed outside. That is another thing that could have saved them, if they had an inflatable mattress at the bottom of the building, they could have jumped out the window.
23. I have since discovered that the fire brigade only have ladders that reach a certain level. How can buildings this high be constructed when there is no ladder available that could reach them in an emergency? As far as I am aware, in Italy, there are no skyscrapers of that height without external stairs. The very minimum you would expect from a high rise building is for effective fire doors and lifts that function in a fire. I don't want to be offensive but how is it possible that you have people living in these types of buildings without decent safety equipment just because they are poor?

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24. Gloria and Marco lived on the top floor, therefore, they in theory could have reached the roof and been rescued by a helicopter. Gloria told my wife that the gate to get up to the roof was locked. I would like to know why this gate was locked. The police told us that the emergency services here do not have helicopters for emergencies such as these. In a city like London and in country like England, how is it possible that the emergency services are not equipped with helicopters? In Italy, in a similar situation, the army would have dispatched helicopters to come and rescue people.

Gloria

25. Gloria's body was brought back to Italy on 18th July 2017 and the funeral took place the following day (19th July).

26. My life stopped there. I do not live anymore.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed.....

Loris Trevisan