

## Core Participants

### Who might be a Core Participant in this Inquiry?

The following will all be Core Participants if they apply:

- The survivors of the fire at Grenfell Tower.
- All individuals who were residents of Grenfell Tower at the time of the fire.
- The families of those that died or those who were injured and as a result are unable to participate in the Inquiry.

The Chairman can also grant Core Participant status to others. In particular:

- Someone who may have played a direct and significant role in whatever the Inquiry is looking at.
- Someone with an otherwise significant interest in an important part of the Inquiry.
- Someone who could be subject to explicit or significant criticism in the Inquiry's proceedings or report.

People can therefore be Core Participants for very different reasons.

### What is the role of Core Participants?

- They will receive relevant evidence in advance of hearings.
- They can make opening or closing statements at some hearings.
- They can suggest lines of questioning that the Inquiry should pursue.
- With permission, they can ask witnesses questions through their own legal representatives.

### What is the difference between a Core Participant and a Witness?

- Core Participants can review evidence put to the Inquiry.
- Witnesses provide evidence to the Inquiry.
- People who are not Core Participants can still provide evidence to the Inquiry as witnesses.
- A person can be both a Core Participant and a witness.
- A person does not need to be a Core Participant to be a witness.

### Who can get Funding?

- The legal costs of Core Participants who are survivors, bereaved families and affected local residents will be funded by the Inquiry.
- Funding may also be available to other Core Participants or witnesses depending on the circumstances.