



Reflections on Grenfell

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The Fourth Anniversary



On Warnings

- Summerland (1973)
- Knowsley Heights (1991)
- Garnock Court (1999)
- Harrow Court (2005)
- Lakanal Fire (2009)
- Shepherds Bush (2016)
- **Grenfell (2017)**
- Barking (2019)
- Crew (2019)
- Worcester Park (2019)
- Bolton Cube (2019)
- New Providence Wharf (2021)



I have been shocked by some of the practices ... a cultural and behavioural change is needed across the whole sector.'

The 'mindset of doing things as cheaply as possible and passing on responsibility for problems and shortcomings to others must stop'.

Judith Hackitt, BSF, Interim Report, December 2017

There is a cultural issue across the sector which can be described as a "race to the bottom".

There is insufficient focus on delivering the best quality building possible, in order to ensure that residents are safe and feel safe.

Judith Hackitt, BSF, Final Report, May 2018

It is deeply shocking and completely unacceptable that three years after the Grenfell Tower Fire, there are still 2,000 high-risk residential building with dangerous cladding'

House of Commons Report, Cladding Remediation, June 2020

In 2018, I called for professional bodies to demonstrate and deliver leadership that drives a shift in culture.

The ISSG has continued that call but sadly, our urgent calls for proactive, collaborative leadership does not yet appear to have been heeded.

While some headway has been made there remains a lack of urgency and a feeling that organisations are already doing their bit, which in the ISSG's view, doesn't currently go far enough.

Judith Hackitt, August 2020

Judith Hackitt told us the flats on Regina Road were the worst housing conditions she has ever seen, and said it showed the culture ignoring the concerns of people living in tower blocks in Britain is not changing quickly enough.

ITV, March 2021

**You can either take the view
you are post-Grenfell or pre-
the next Grenfell.**



**Which view you take will
impact your sense of
urgency for change.**

Jim Wetherbee, NASA Astronaut
cited in

'Catastrophe & Systemic Change: Learning from the Grenfell Tower Fire
and Other Disasters'



It is our conviction that a serious fire in a tower block or similar high density residential property is the most likely reason that those who wield power at the KCTMO will be found out and brought to justice!

Eddie Daffarn & Francis O'Connor
Grenfell Action Group Blog: Playing with Fire
(Nov 2016)

On voices



Where do you know all is not well?

What are you not speaking up about?

Where are you not being heard?

Where are you not hearing others?

Please, please trust yourself and have the courage to keep speaking up until you are heard



“They didn’t treat us with respect or empathy or humanity, and if they had I wouldn’t be sitting here now.”

Eddie Daffarn, Grenfell Tower Inquiry



Thank you

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