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What are these meetings about?

Following important advice from engineering experts about the condition of Grenfell Tower, we need to consider this summer if, and when, the Tower should be carefully taken down, to maintain safety. From 17 May there will be several ways for you to hear about – and discuss the implications of – the information and advice that will inform a decision on its future. You will be able to raise any questions or concerns with the MHCLG team that is responsible for managing the site, and also speak directly to the structural engineers who advise us on the condition of the Tower.

There will be three different types of meetings to choose from (see full details on the next page):

- An **online group presentation** with our engineering experts, followed by questions and answers.
- **Personal meetings** for individuals, household or support bubbles, where you can hear from our engineering experts and have a direct conversation with us. **These are available to you as either in-person or online meetings (via Microsoft Teams) for pre-booked 45-minute slots.**
- If you would prefer to **speak to somebody one-to-one**, or if the dates and times below don't work for you, please get in touch using the details below.

Important information about attending a meeting

Your advance booking is required and you can do this at: [Grenfell2021.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grenfell-2021)

- Here you will find available dates and time slots, as well as further venue information, so that you can choose a meeting that suits you. This will help us ensure a **dedicated time for everyone** and **maintain social distancing**.
- **You can book to attend more than one meeting**, and further spaces will be added if meetings or presentations are booked up so that everyone has the chance to attend.
- When booking, **please let us know of any special requirements** you have, such as an interpreter or translations.
- All in-person meetings will **follow precautions in line with the government's coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions**. This will include everyone wearing a face covering, unless exempt.

Local resident 'drop ins'

As well as the meetings above, every week the MHCLG community engagement team will be at The Clement James Centre (the front garden studio), 95 Sirdar Road, London W11 4EQ. They will be there **on Fridays, from 10am–4pm, on the following dates: 14, 21 and 28 May; 4 and 25 June; 2, 9, 16 and 23 July**. Please email GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk to book an appointment to speak to them.

How to get in touch

If you have any questions or concerns about the above meetings and presentations, please:

- email GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk or phone **0303 444 0011**
- go to: www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates

Online group presentations

Date	Who is this meeting for?	How can I join?
Monday 17 May, 6–7.30pm	Bereaved families and individuals	All presentations will be held using Microsoft Teams. To book a space, please go to: Grenfell2021.eventbrite.com
Tuesday 18 May, 6–7.30pm	Bereaved families and individuals	
Wednesday 19 May, 1–2.30pm	Bereaved families and individuals	
Friday 21 May, 10–11.30am	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals	
Saturday 22 May, 10–11.30am	Bereaved families and individuals	
Monday 24 May, 6–7.30pm	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals	
Tuesday 25 May, 6–7.30pm	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals	
Wednesday 26 May, 6–7.30pm	Local residents	
Friday 28 May, 10–11.30am	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals	
Friday 28 May, 6–7.30pm	Local residents	
Saturday 29 May, 10–11.30am	Local residents	
Tuesday 1 June, 6–7.30pm	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals; local residents	
Wednesday 2 June, 6–7.30pm	Local residents	
Wednesdays from 30 June –21 July, 6–7.30pm	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals; local residents	

Personal meetings

Date	Who is this meeting for?	How do I attend?
Tuesday 18 May, Midday–5pm	Bereaved families and individuals	45-minute slots will be available either in-person at: Hilton London Kensington, 179-199 Holland Park Avenue, London W11 4UL. (Or if preferred, online via Microsoft Teams. Joining details will be sent to you once you have booked.)
Wednesday 19 May, 3pm–8pm	Bereaved families and individuals	
Thursday 20 May, Midday–5pm	Bereaved families and individuals	
Friday 21 May, Midday–7pm	Bereaved families and individuals	
Saturday 22 May, Midday–5pm	Bereaved families and individuals	
Sunday 23 May, Midday–5pm	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals	
Monday 24 May, Midday–5pm	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals	
Tuesday 25 May, Midday–5pm	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals	
Wednesday 26 May, Midday–5pm	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals	

Friday 28 May, Midday–5pm	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals; local residents	(Or again, if preferred, online via Microsoft Teams.) Book all meetings at: Grenfell2021.eventbrite.com
Saturday 29 May, Midday–5pm	Local residents	
Saturday 5 June, 10am–5pm	Bereaved and survivor families and individuals; local residents	

Further information:

Why are these meetings being offered now?

Following important engineering advice, we need to consider this summer if, and when, the Tower should be carefully taken down to maintain safety. This is so that we can plan for this as part of the ongoing safety works taking place within the Tower. Before we make any decision, we want to share the advice we have received with you and discuss its implications.

How will a decision about the Tower be approached?

In 2018 we set out four tests to Parliament about how a decision about the Tower will be approached. The above-mentioned meetings will share information in relation to each of these:

- 1) **Hearing from the community, especially bereaved families, at every step to a memorial.** We want to make sure that those most affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy are able to give their views, raise questions and concerns about what will happen to the Tower.
- 2) **Continuing to prioritise the health and safety of those living, working and studying nearby.** We will share information about what is in place to keep the Tower site safe, now and in the future.
- 3) **Being evidence-based and informed by experts.** The meetings will give you a chance to speak directly to structural engineers about the condition of the Tower, and their advice.
- 4) **Not, in any way, interfering with the path to justice by the Grenfell Tower Inquiry or the police.** We are in contact with the Inquiry to ensure that decisions do not interfere with their work, nor that of the police.

What will happen after a decision?

There will be no change to the Tower before the fifth anniversary in 2022. It will be at least a year before we begin to implement any decision while the current safety works are ongoing.

Is the government planning to build on the site?

A legal restriction is in place so that the land cannot be used for any future purpose other than that determined by the community, in accordance with the [Memorial Commission's Principles](#).

What is the role of Kaizen?

Since September last year, Kaizen has been conducting engagement about both the Tower and the memorial with the bereaved, former residents and the community. Kaizen provides the opportunity for a discussion with an independent organisation to share your views and concerns.

Who provides technical advice about the Tower?

We are advised by a range of experts about the Tower and site, including an independent surveyor, structural engineers, Atkins, and Principal Designer, Derisk. We have also commissioned an independent peer review of the engineering advice, which will be published alongside other information that will inform a decision on the Tower.

What is the role of the independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission?

The Memorial Commission is not responsible for deciding what happens to the Tower. It is developing a community-led vision for a memorial, and their work is progressing. Bereaved families, survivors and the local community will continue to be at the heart of determining what the future memorial will be.

We are committed to supporting the Memorial Commission and the community in their creation of a fitting memorial to honour those who lost their lives in the tragedy. Find out more by visiting www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk, following [@GrenfellTowerMC](https://twitter.com/GrenfellTowerMC) on Twitter, emailing

GTMCSecretariat@communities.gov.uk or phoning 0303 444 4831.

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