

# 'An outpouring of love' – enormous Covid-19 Memorial Wall begun opposite Parliament

**London, Monday 29 March** – Bereaved families have today begun the creation of a vast Covid-19 Memorial Wall, on the Embankment opposite the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, London.

Painting individual red hearts for each of the more than 145,000 lives lost to the virus, the group hopes to put personal stories at the heart of the Government's approach to learning lessons from the pandemic and expects the wall to stretch to over half a kilometre in the coming days.

[See [images](#)]

'This is an outpouring of love,' said **Matt Fowler, co-founder of Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice, who lost his dad Ian, 56, to the virus.** 'Each heart is individually hand-painted - utterly unique, just like the loved ones we've lost. And like the scale of our collective loss, this memorial is going to be enormous.

'We think it'll take several days to complete and it's going to stretch for more than half a kilometre. We know not everyone can come down here to see it, but we really hope this can become a focal point for remembering this national tragedy. We've placed it at the heart of our capital so that the Government never loses sight of the personal stories at the heart of all this.'

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## Notes to Editors

Bereaved family members and volunteers began work first thing this morning, using paint pens for the hearts and cleaning existing marks off the wall. The group has committed to restore the site at the appropriate time. The wall is sited in the London Borough of Lambeth and the group has this morning notified the council of the activity. Those taking part are socially-distanced in no more than groups of six on given sections of walls.

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For images of the wall, see here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8i3z7b387qk7erz/AABSSaDvqjrNeTmGPobVHSbHa?dl=0>

More will be added as we get them.

## About the campaign

Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice is a group of over 3,000 people bereaved by Covid-19. We are campaigning for lessons to be learned as quickly as possible in order to save lives and prevent others from going through the same pain we have.

We are calling for:

- A Statutory Public Inquiry with an initial rapid review phase, in order to inform the Government's ongoing response to the pandemic.
- Increased bereavement support services for those dealing with complex grief.

**For more information about the campaign:**

- Covid-19 Bereaved Families for Justice: [www.covidfamiliesforjustice.org](http://www.covidfamiliesforjustice.org)
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