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## Professor Francesca Klug OBE (LSE Centre for the Study of Human Rights)

in presenting the Human Rights Award 2007 for organisations and non-legal individuals praised INQUEST for

“ working with families to build bridges between human emotions and the law. ”



INQUEST has consistently worked alongside families to build up a relationship of trust/respect and compassion so that the families feel empowered and engaged and feel they can cope with the intrusive and complex legal process. ”

**Dexter Dias, Barrister,  
Garden Court Chambers**



INQUEST's advice, sense of direction and purpose, instills confidence to ask questions, to obtain representation, to challenge seemingly impenetrable court procedures. By disseminating information on cases and developments in case law, INQUEST is an intrinsic part of a network which seeks to empower the very people who are all too often marginalised by the system. ”

**Michael Mansfield QC, Barrister,  
Tooks Court Chambers**



People do not know which way to turn when they are put in these situations through no fault of their own. Congratulations to all at INQUEST and our heartfelt thanks. ”

**ASHLEY FAMILY,  
LIVERPOOL**

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# INQUEST UNLOCKING THE TRUTH

“I've been a long-time supporter of the crucial work that INQUEST does. Until there is legislation to change the way inquests are conducted and the provision of legal and psychological support to the bereaved of those who died in custody, INQUEST will continue to be a vital source of support ”  
for families' **LINTON KWESI JOHNSON, POET**



"INQUEST is one of the jewels in the crown of civil society. . . as far as I know, it's the best organisation for deaths in custody in the world. . . absolutely exemplary".

**BARONESS STERN**

INQUEST helps the families and friends of people who die in custody. INQUEST is the only organisation in England and Wales that provides a specialist, comprehensive advice service on contentious deaths and their investigation to bereaved people, lawyers, other advice and support agencies, the media, parliamentarians and the wider public.

● **Help INQUEST to assist and support the families and friends of those who die in prison, in police custody, in immigration detention centres, in psychiatric hospitals, at work and in major disasters.**

INQUEST develops policy proposals, undertakes and publishes research to lobby for changes to the inquest and investigation process, reduce the number of custodial deaths, and improve the treatment and care of those within the institutions where the deaths occur.

Currently we deal with over 350 open cases a year and monitor all custodial deaths.



"You have understood everything we have experienced and felt, and have been at the end of the telephone when we needed to talk or ask questions. And although you are helping many other families in our position, we were never made to feel like one of many, you had time for us".

**Family of man who died in police custody**

INQUEST counters silence and secrecy surrounding controversial deaths: we work for full open inquiries that find out what happened and where responsibility rests.

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campaign for open and public information and justice in cases of unexpected death.

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"We thought that we were going insane, couldn't understand what was happening to us, what had happened to my son. INQUEST has supported, enabled, educated and empowered and restored our faith in justice. We were given back our voice".

**Mother of a child who died in a young offender institution**

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