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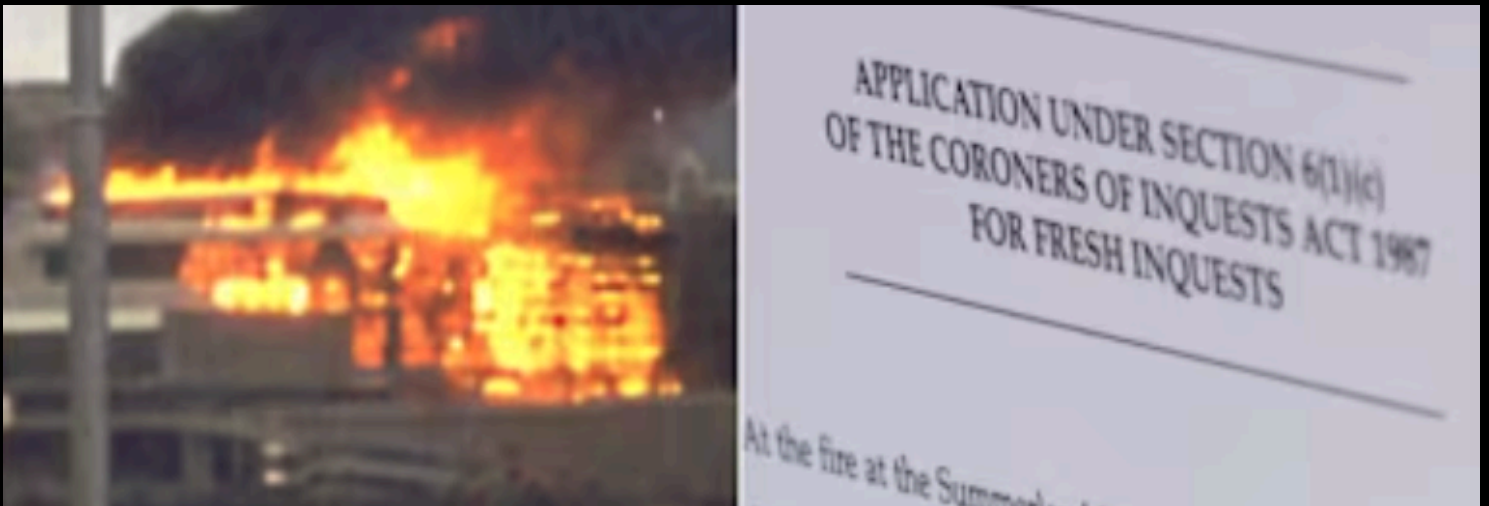
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APPLICATION SUBMITTED

On Tuesday 4th March, significant strides were made towards justice as an application to the Attorney General of the Isle of Man was submitted by our esteemed team of lawyers, headed by Darragh Mackin.

The following statement was uploaded to the Phoenix Law website:

This event, one of the deadliest fire disasters in British history, has left lingering questions and unresolved grievances among the victims' families and survivors. After decades of inquiry and calls for a thorough examination of the circumstances surrounding the fire, Darragh Mackin of Phoenix Law, representing the affected families, seeks to reopen the case to ensure a comprehensive investigation and the application of modern legal and forensic standards to the events of that fateful day.





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MEETING PHOENIX LAW

Members of the campaign recently journeyed to Belfast to meet with our esteemed group of lawyers, headed by Darragh Mackin. Extensive research and effort has been put into preparing the application for a new inquest, and the submission is just around the corner.



SUPPORT FROM STARTDUST FAMILIES

During our visit to Belfast, we were honoured to connect with the families of the Stardust Nightclub victims. The recent overturning of the Stardust verdict revealed safety issues that closely align with those at Summerland. The support and solidarity from these families, who have faced their own emotional journey, is truly invaluable and we are very grateful for their backing.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUMMERLAND

"Where there are questions of any kind over historical losses of life such as this, it is imperative that they are properly, effectively investigated so the correct conclusions can be reached. The reality is, Summerland falls squarely into that category."

Darragh Mackin

QUESTIONS RAISED IN HOUSE OF KEYS

Joney Faragher, MP from the Isle of Man, has sparked a vital conversation about the possibility of a new inquest into the Summerland disaster. Tim Glover joined the dialogue, addressing concerns that the original verdict did not hold those responsible accountable.



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VISIT TO WESTMINSTER AND SUPPORT FROM UK MPs

Several of our members have reached out to their local MPs, leading to increasing support from parliamentarians, including Sarah Hall, MP for Warrington South. This culminated in a productive meeting in Westminster.

Following the meeting, Sarah Hall issued a powerful message:

"The inquest which followed returned a verdict of 'misadventure', effectively putting some of the blame onto the dozens of people, many of which were children, who died that day. Five decades on from the fire, I am joining the Justice for Summerland Campaign in their call to the Manx Government to overturn the original inquest verdict."

Following the application for a new inquest to the Attorney General, Sarah Hall MP (Warrington South,), Charlotte Nichols MP (Warrington North), Paul Davies MP (Colne Vallet) and Ian Byrne MP (Liverpool West Derby) issued a statement of support:

"As supporters of the Justice for Summerland campaign we welcome the submission for a new inquest and hope that the Manx Government do the right thing in granting it. For too long the families affected by this devastating tragedy have not had the answers they needed. We hope that the survivors and families of those who lost their lives can finally get justice"



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