

Margaret Aspinall

Hillsborough Family Support Group

Born and raised in Liverpool, Margaret Aspinall is the chairman of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, which has campaigned tirelessly for justice since the Hillsborough Disaster in 1989.

Margaret's 18-year-old son James was one of the 96 football fans who lost their lives in the tragedy, and she has spent 28 years seeking the truth about what happened at the Sheffield stadium.

As one of the support group's founding members, Margaret sat on the committee for several years, before taking on the role of Vice-Chair and finally Chairman in 2009.

She has travelled across the UK and Ireland raising awareness and understanding of the on-going campaign, and sharing her experience with other families fighting their own causes.

Her determination and drive has inspired many and in 2015 she was awarded a CBE in the New Years' Honours List for her tireless campaigning on behalf of the families.

After campaigning against an original verdict of accidental death, the final inquest gave a verdict, shortly after the 27th anniversary of the disaster, that the fans were unlawfully killed.

Speaking about the awards Margaret said: "I feel humbled to receive these awards, but is not just about me, or even the group, but the people of the city who have supported us all throughout the years. Where we are today is a complete U-turn on 20 years ago and the families have a lot to be proud of. We now, at long last, have the correct verdicts. It has been a long, long road, but it feels as though we're still climbing a mountain and have still not quite yet reached the peak."