

A portrait of Figen Murray, a woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark patterned top. The background is slightly blurred. The text 'FIGEN MURRAY' is overlaid in large, white, outlined letters.

# FIGEN MURRAY

**OBE**

Figen Murray is the mother of Martyn Hett, who at 29 years of age was tragically killed alongside 21 others at the Manchester Arena terrorist attack in May 2017.

Since the Manchester Arena attack, Figen has been working with the Government and the security industry to make the tangible changes that can help ensure no other family has to go through what hers has. She is the force behind Martyn's Law (Protect Duty), a legislation requiring publicly accessible locations to provide mandatory security against the threat of terrorism. Her ambitions to better understand counter-terrorism saw her achieve a distinction in a counter terrorism master's degree from the University of Central Lancashire.

Figen's dedication and work in counter terrorism saw her awarded an OBE in the 2022 New Year's Honours List. She is a Visiting Fellow for the Institute of Strategic Risk Management, a member of the senior leadership team for TINYg, and an Associate Member of the Security Institute. She gives talks on Martyn's Law across the UK as well as internationally. Figen was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Salford in November 2022.

In addition to the work around Martyn's Law Figen also visits secondary schools, colleges and universities and talks to young people about the dangers of online radicalisation. She has so far reached over 25,000 young people all over the world.