

Case Study: The Bloody Sunday Inquiry

Internet Videocommunications designed, built and commissioned the video evidence distribution infrastructure for the Bloody Sunday Inquiry, the most high profile Government Inquiry of recent times.

“The technology Internet Videocommunications provided for the Inquiry was a quite remarkable demonstration of what can be done with IT and we found it of invaluable assistance.”

RT Hon Lord Saville of Newdigate, Inquiry Chairman.

Challenge

- Unique and complex technical issues for the live distribution of video evidence, witnesses, virtual reality and documents.
- Logistical and environmental consideration of working in a Grade 1 listed building.
- The security of highly sensitive information.
- The decision to extend the inquiry to a second location in London.

Solution

- Internet Videocommunications designed and delivered a pioneering video system for the Inquiry’s initial implementation then, in phase two, architected and implemented an enhanced evidence distribution system at central hall Westminster. This enabled the Inquiry to take place without the need or expense of travelling.
- 12 state-of-the-art video conferencing systems and nearly 200 flat panel screens were deployed in both locations to provide a continual live transmission.
- Sensitive evidence protected by bespoke software.



Results

In less than 4 weeks from the date of order Internet Videocommunications commissioned the complete visual and video broadcast systems for the Inquiry. Each member of the Saville panel and every lawyer and official had a computer screen in front of them to study the thousands of documents presented in the Inquiry. Without the solution provided by Internet Video communications, the scale of the presentation would have been unworkable.