

## Lillian Bilocca Graduate Award Information



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05wh2c8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXFtscnDL20>

**Person:** Lillian Bilocca

**Born:** 26th May 1929

**Died:** 3 August 1988 (aged 59)

### **Main achievements:**

Lillian Bilocca was known for improving the safety of trawlers in the fishing industry.

- She was the leader of a group of Hull fishing families called 'headscarf revolutionaries'.
- She wanted the government to make fishing safer for the working people.
- Lillian Bilocca was also known as 'Big Lil'.
- Together they gathered 10,000 signatures to take to government.

### **Family:**

Lillian was born in Hull, on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1929. Her father was a trawler man and previously a Royal Navy engineer. She had three sisters and later married and had two children, a boy and a girl.

### **Early life:**

When Lillian was younger, she worked in a fish factory. This is where she became known as 'Big Lil'.

### **Adult life:**

After the Hull Triple Trawler Tragedy during January 1968, Lillian was angered. She thought that all trawlers should have a radio operator on board. She continued to work with a group of women to make sure the trawlers were safe and the men were fully trained at sea.

### **Her legacy:**

Lillian was been described as a national figure and a local folk hero.