



# BE REASONABLE ROADSHOW: PERTH



**5 June 2018**  
**7.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Summit Boardroom, Mercure Perth Hotel,  
West Mill Street, Perth, PH1 5QP**

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**Stop the assault on parenting.  
Don't let good parents be turned into criminals.  
Come and find out how to get involved.**



The Scottish Government wants to criminalise parents who smack their own children. Green MSP John Finnie has proposed a Bill to remove the reasonable chastisement defence, which protects parents. The Scottish Government has said it will “ensure” the Bill becomes law.



This U-turn contradicts its previous promises to Scottish voters. In April 2017 the Scottish Government said it: “does not intend to bring legislation forward to repeal all legal defences and ban physical punishment, which could potentially criminalise parents for lightly smacking their children”.

Any punishment that is immoderate or excessive is already against the law. Loving parents know the difference. Banning reasonable chastisement would inevitably catch ordinary loving parents and divert resources away from children who genuinely need help.

## Speaker:



**Penny Lewis**  
Parent activist



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