



# BE REASONABLE ROADSHOW: EDINBURGH



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**7.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Castle Suite, Jurys Inn,  
43 Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1DH**

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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 position. 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 parents and divert resources away from children who genuinely need help.

## Speaker:



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