



## **Mum of Turkish fire tragedy girl launches safer holidays campaign**

A campaign for safer holidays was launched today in Westminster (Thursday) by the mother of Eden Galvani Skeete, who died last year in a fire tragedy in Turkey.

Elli Galvani, 47, from Barkingside, Essex, decided to launch eden's trust in the wake of her daughter's death to try to prevent tragedies from happening on holiday.

Six year-old Eden died after a fire stunt at the Gemini Park Resort in Didim in Turkey went wrong last July.

Since Eden's death Elli has become painfully aware of the number of children and adults who suffer death or serious injury every year because of the lack of health and safety abroad.

One of those is little Paul Gallagher from Orpington, Kent, who was killed when he was hit by a speedboat in 2002 as he was on a beach in the Bahamas, to this day his family are still fighting for justice for Paul, 2.

Because of this Elli has set up eden's trust to campaign for safer holidays and it was launched at Portcullis House on what would have been Eden's seventh birthday.

Joining Elli are other families who were caught up in the tragedy in Turkey and the family of Paul Gallagher.

The aims of the trust are:

- To educate people on the dangers while on holiday or travelling abroad.
- Campaign to ensure that all holiday companies, tour operators, and individuals who own and let out properties abroad to holidaymakers, have an obligation to ensure the safety of their guests by providing safe accommodation, entertainment and resources.
- Campaign to make sure EU safety standards are reached at properties within the EU.
- Provide an information list of tour operators/agents who adhere to EU (or similar) health and safety regulations.
- Provide help and answer questions to people prior to travelling abroad including safety of destinations.
- Offer support to those travellers who find themselves in trouble while on holiday by setting up a hotline to offer advice on dealing with the local police and media.
- Offer trauma counselling to those people who have suffered a tragic loss or injury while abroad.
- Offer help in finding legal representation and court procedures.

Elli said: "This year 45 million holidays will be taken by UK residents sadly some of these people will not come home or will suffer life-changing injuries, that is my reason for setting up eden's trust.

I know we have a huge task ahead but I have a lot of support including the support of my MP Lee Scott and other families who have suffered tragedies abroad are joining forces with us to seek change.

Help us change things for the better so other families no longer have to suffer the pain we have at losing our beautiful Eden."

To find out more about eden's trust visit [www.edenstrust.org.uk](http://www.edenstrust.org.uk)  
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