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# News & Opinion

## Latest news

### Families turn out to remember the New Lodge Six

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by Gemma Burns

Over 200 people gathered in the New Lodge this week to mark 36 years since the killings of the New Lodge Six.

Sinn Féin MLA Gerry Kelly was a keynote speaker at the event to remember the six men who were gunned down by the British Army in 1973. Jim Sloan, Jim McCann, Tony Campbell, Brendan Maguire, John Loughran and Ambrose Hardy were shot dead in a 90 minute period in the New Lodge on the night of February 3 and into the early hours of February 4 1973.

Each year families gather at a mural dedicated to the six men in the New Lodge to remember their loved ones.

John Loughran, who lost his uncle, also called John Loughran, in 1973 said the event allowed not only the families of the New Lodge Six but other families in the area with relatives killed in the Troubles to commemorate their dead.

"It was a very good turnout for it being a cold and wintry night," he said.

"People in this area have gathered here every year not only to remember the New Lodge Six but also to remember their own loved ones. It gives everyone a chance to reflect."

The events surrounding their deaths have never been properly investigated and the families of the six men have been involved in a long running campaign for justice.

John Loughran said the families will not give up their fight to have the British government break its silence and order a fresh investigation.

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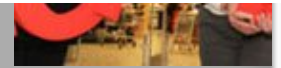
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"The truth costs nothing. Our memories live on 36 years later and we will get to the truth of what happened that day."

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