How would you characterise your views on the Bill in general?

In support

Action for Children supports the introduction of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill that will introduce same-sex marriage, put belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants, allow civil marriage ceremonies to take place anywhere, other than religious premises, and allow transgender people to stay married when obtaining the full Gender Recognition Certificate.

Equality is one of Action for Children’s core values. We are a leading Stonewall Diversity Champion in the charity sector and the lead charity working with New Family Social to increase the numbers of lesbian, gay and bisexual foster carers and adoptive parents, as part of our work to find safe, loving home for vulnerable children and young people.

We believe that having a society that values and respects diversity provides a safer, healthier and inclusive environment for the vulnerable children and young people with whom we work. Equality for same-sex couples in marriage will contribute to building stronger families and communities and sends out a clear and positive message for children and young people with same-sex parents, and for young lesbian, gay or bisexual people themselves.

The proposal to allow transgender people to stay married when obtaining the full Gender Recognition Certificate will give an element of important continuity in families at a time of considerable change, and we welcome this.

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?

In support

How would you characterise your views on putting belief celebrants on the same footing as religious celebrants?

In support

How would you characterise your views on the arrangements for authorising celebrants to solemnise opposite sex and same sex marriage (including the opt-in procedures)?

In support

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?

Neither
How would you characterise your views on allowing civil marriage ceremonies to take place anywhere, other than religious premises, agreed between the couple and registrar?

Neither

How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?

Neither

How would you characterise your views on allowing transgender persons to stay married when obtaining a full Gender Recognition Certificate, which provides legal recognition in the acquired gender?

In support

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of protections for those in society who may have concerns about same sex marriage?

Would you like to comment on the wider issue of freedom of speech?

Would you like to comment on any other wider issues in relation to the Bill that are not mentioned above?

Are you responding as...

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