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

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)?

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

I think the definitions of words like "marry" and "marriage" need to be reworked and rewritten for the modern day. Too many arguments are being based on these 'dictionary' definitions. To marry something is to combine two different things to create a new one. Two men or two women are as different as a hetero couple... no two humans are the same. There should be no difference made between one loving couple and the next wanting to form a union and spend their life together.

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?
In opposition

Why should civil ceremonies or same sex partnerships NOT have their ceremonies performed in religious premises? There are hundreds of religious believers from many faiths who are gay/lesbian/trans. They should be given the choice of being able to marry where they preach. It is simply a form of racism to forbid this! Civil marriages already happen in parks, beaches, hotels, registry offices, civic halls.... but I believe the point here is to put ALL marriages under one umbrella and give EVERY single person an EQUAL opportunity to marriage in any way they choose.

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

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?

I think they should be re-educated and have their eyes open. Society needs to be taught that being gay/lesbian/bi is as incontrollable as choosing the colour of your eyes. It should be widely taught and understood that people do not choose to be LGBT as a way of life... it is about accepting and embracing that it IS a way of life and that it is unavoidable. The sooner this is made aware in society... the easier life will become for everyone. I always ask bigoted straight people "when did you choose to be straight?"

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

Freedom of speech is fine if it is from an educated point of view... what gets me mad is people telling me that I chose to be gay and am going to hell for it, I don't care to hear from people who tell me that I am an 'abomination of nature' as has been done in the past. Some may see this as freedom of speech... I see it as abuse! So unless the Freedom of Speech comes from an educated substantiated source in an intelligent manner...I have no time for it.

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

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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