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

There are 'belief' celebrats and organisations who actively support marriage for all, and who are denied the chance to practice this with the current set up. If the bill is supported it would given them the freedom to choose alongwith religious celebrants.

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

Everyone should have the right to choose, and not to be vilified for it. Which includes those who choose not to marry any couple, and those who choose to do so. There should be no punishment or penalties for anyone.

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

I believe everyone has the right to be married, and to use that word for their union.

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 support

I married in a garden, in the summer last year and my marriage is no more legal or illegal than any others registered that year in registry offices, churches and other official buildings. I was lucky that my inter-faith minister agreed to perform this (and that the sun shone in Aberdeen!), but also that my country had the foresight to allow this. Everyone should be able to choose this option, should everyone connected to the ceremony agree.
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

Should both parties in the marriage be accepting of this then I see no reason why the state should force their relationship to change.

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

Anyone should be free to believe what they want, as long as they don't discriminate or abuse others because of it. My hope is that in generations to come the discrimination against homosexual people will be as abhorrent as racism is to the majority of the scottish population now.

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

Everyone should have a right to the freedom of speech, but not the freedom to abuse, frighten, threaten or mistreat in their words.

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

I am so proud that Scotland is bringing forward this bill, thank-you.

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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