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
I strongly support this Bill as all people, irrespective of their sexuality, should have the right to marry.

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
I think the Bill adequately protects those faiths that are against same sex marriage.

How would you characterise your views on civil partnerships changing to marriages?
In support
I am in a Civil Partnership and I would rather have married my partner but that was our only option to show how committed we are to each other. To me a Civil Partnership is second best and when I tell people I feel slightly ashamed. A Civil Partnership does not have the same gravitas and recognition as a marriage does. Everyone should have an equal right to get married.

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

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?

As stated previously I think this Bill contains enough protections for those who do have concerns.

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

I think freedom of speech is very important for all individuals but if people want to air their opinions then they should be sensible and intelligent and definitely not hate speeches.

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

The only comment I would like to make is that I thought this Bill was to change the legal definition of civil marriage to incorporate all people irrespective of their sexuality. I totally abhor the spurious arguments from Scotland's three main faith groups. Their campaign against this Bill has been outright hypocritical and downright nasty. Jesus taught love, tolerance and inclusion and we have seen none of that from any of these faiths. I consider myself a Christian and I am fed up hearing if I'm gay I cannot be Christian or if you are a Christian then you cannot be gay. Do they realise how hurtful that is? I am a law abiding citizen and I live my life the best I can using the moral foundations I received as a child. I am a mother, a grandmother and I want to be able to legally call my partner my wife. Is that too much to ask??????

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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