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

In support

The state should not discriminate on the grounds of sexuality - so marriage should be open to all couples, gay or straight - this is a long overdue step towards equality; we will never get cultural equality if we don't have institutional equality as a basis.

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?

In support

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?

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?
All state employees should be required to carry out their job role in a non discriminatory way, so if that role requires them to conduct or register marriages, then they should do so for both same sex and opposite sex couples. For other organisations, they should be subject to the same non discrimination obligations and exemptions for services related to same sex marriage as they are for opposite sex marriage. A religious institution can deny the right to be married within it on various grounds, such as not adhering evidently enough to that faith; this Bill does nothing to undermine that. Support, witness or conducting a same sex marriage should not be permitted grounds for disciplinary action by any employer, including, for example, a religious institution, as this contradicts the spirit of the Equalities Act and its permitted exemptions.

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...

a private individual

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