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

In support

I think this bill is much better than any other bill I've seen regarding same sex marriage. Scotland is going for marriage equality for everyone LGBT and straight people. In my opinion, that is the most important fact here.

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 honestly do not understand why people have a problem with this. I am a lesbian myself, and I can definitely it's not a choice. Personally, I am not religious, but just being able to say "we are married" when the right time comes would make me really del

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

Neither

I don't really understand the question. Sorry :/

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

If a same sex couple wants to get married in a religious setting, then they should be allowed. Personally, I'm not religious, but other people have different beliefs.

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

In support

I just want us all to have the same opportunities as human beings. Anyone should be able to choose a civil partnership, or a marriage. Some people prefer to call it marriage, some don't.

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

If a religious premises does not want to conduct a same sex marriage, then there is no way they can be made to. After all, if they did conduct it, and weren't happy with it, then the service would not be great. Anywhere that allows it is absolutely brilli

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

In support

Same sex couples can still be religious. Why should they miss out on that opportunity? Some religious venues disagree, but some do not. If they can find a place, then there is no problem.

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

I do not see why there would be a problem. Transgender persons should have equal rights, like everyone else.

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

I personally think they have to get over it. They have to move with the times, some people are racist. Would they be issued protection for that? I certainly do not think so.

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

It is freedom of speech within reason. You can't use discriminative language, bully people etc. I have heard people such as the Archbishop of Glasgow use discriminatory language, comparing homosexuals to paedophiles. That is just disgusting.

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

I think everything has been mentioned so far.

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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