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

In support

I look forward to the day I can legally marry my girlfriend in Scotland and our love I considered just the same as any couples’.

How would you characterise your views on the introduction of same sex marriage, so that same sex couples can marry each other?

In support

It’s been a long time coming. It also finally means that trans people getting a GRC that are married don’t need to get divorced to get their gender recognised.

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

In support

Of course they should be equal. No belief or religion is any more important than any other.

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 believe celebrants should automatically be included and have to opt out if they don’t want to solemnise them to avoid creating a needless barrier for those that wish to.

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

In opposition

Some may wish to keep their civil partnership and I don’t think the date should take that away from people.

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

This is an excellent addition to the bill and the same should be the case for civil partnerships. Also there should be no spousal veto. This is inappropriate.

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 we should protect all members of society from harm and hate - as someone that experiences homophobia in Scotland weekly I would hope your focus would be to protect those in same sex marriages.

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

Freedom of speech is fabulous as long as freedom from hate speech is also taken seriously. You should not be able to say what you like when your words can cause harm and injury to others.

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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