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

In support

This is my third contribution to the call for evidence on the Bill. I have contributed as the Rabbi of Sukkat Shalom: Edinburgh Liberal Jewish Community, whose views are incorporated into the submission of ScoJeC (Scottish Council of Jewish Communities), and I have written a submission on behalf of, and at the request of, the Jewish Gay and Lesbian Group (JGLG). This submission is my own personal response as the only Liberal Rabbi and marriage celebrant working in Scotland. I am strongly in support of the Bill and welcome it as a huge step forward for Scottish society!

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

In support

As an openly gay rabbi, who has worked for eight years (part time) for Scotland's first and only Liberal Jewish community, I am delighted that the time is nearing when same-sex couples will be able to publicly and legally enter into marriages. The loving

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 am broadly in support of the proposals in the Bill, although, as I have submitted before, I would have preferred greater freedom of conscience to be given to ministers who wish to conduct same-sex marriages but whose denominations (e.g. the Church of Sc

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

In support

I support the proposals, but also strongly urge the acceptance of the alteration put forward by the Equality Network regarding civil partnerships solemnised outwith Scotland.
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 strongly support this proposal.

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

In support

There are couples, both same-sex and opposite-sex, who are religiously committed but who find the history, language and symbolism of marriage objectionable for various reasons. I do not share these objections but I do respect them, and welcome the possibi

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 rejoice at the growing acceptance of transgender people signified in the Bill, but also strongly support the proposal of the Equality Network that the granting of a Gender Recognition Certificate should NOT be conditional on the permission of the partne

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

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...

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