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

In support

I would say that the bill is a just cause as it is promoting equality for LGBTQ persons and for all other people as it does not just limit a civil partnership to those who identify as LGBTQ.

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 feel that those that wish to be joined together through marriage or civil partnership should have the right to do as they wish as it creates a more equal and fairer society for the people of Scotland to live in.

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?

Neither

I feel that if those who wish to officially change their status from a civil partnership to marriage are in every right to do so.

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 persons wish to be married (be it religious or belief) they should be allowed to have a ceremony at whatever venue that the persons agree so long as it isn't performed within a religious ground that wishes not to hold the wedding.
How would you characterise your views on allowing the religious and belief registration of civil partnerships?

In support

If two persons do not want to be married or they do not like the label of marriage then they should still have the right to choose between a religious or belief ceremony as with the marriages.

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

those who are transgender or go through the process of gender recognition should not have to feel as a lesser due to their stage in gender recognition, allowing the people to stay married allows them to feel more accepted and for people to be more progressive.

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

Religious leaders should not feel pressured in to allowing same sex marriage at their place of worship.

When one mentions “freedom of speech” it refers to the ability to say something without persecution so long as it isn’t harmful to others, I feel that Scotland has been somewhat civil compared to other countries but they abuse the right of speech as they are able to publicly say that LGBTQ marriages are harmful to others. I feel that everyone should be able to speak but when it comes to talking about a group of persons they should be treated as others as it is hateful speech towards people.

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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