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

In support

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

In support

All marriage should be on an equal footing.

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

I am concerned, however, that couples in a civil partnership registered outside of Scotland are not covered by this and would like to see an amendment to the bill to allow these couples to marry in Scotland without first dissolving their civil partnership.

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
However, I would like to see a change from the current requirement that the spouse must support the gender recognition in order for it to take place, to a system where gender recognition should be available without this, but agreement from the spouse should be sought for the marriage to continue only.

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 the protections of religious views in the bill are rightly strong, but would object to similar protections being applied to civil marriage ceremonies where the registrar acts on behalf of the state. I am very concerned that the bill should not allow for discrimination in teaching. There should not be an opt-out for teachers in addressing the subject of same sex marriage. Teachers should teach the facts of the society we live in, not their personal views.

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?

I would like to see greater provision made in the bill for the equality of transgender people in the sphere of marriage and civil partnerships. I would also like to see lobbying of the UK Parliament by The Scottish Parliament to ensure that pension rights are equal for all married couples, irrelevant of gender.

Are you responding as...

a private individual

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