

Same-Sex Marriage Consultation Trans-Focussed Respondent Form



The Scottish Transgender Alliance has produced this form to provide you with a simple trans-focussed way to respond to the Scottish Government consultation: *'The Registration of Civil Partnerships and Same-Sex Marriage'* (2011).

This is your chance to have a say on removing the requirement for trans people to end their marriage or civil partnership in order to access gender recognition, and on lifting the ban on same-sex marriage and mixed-sex civil partnership in Scotland.

Important information:

- **Deadline:** This response must be returned by **6 December 2011**. Responses received after this date may not be counted.
- **Return to:** Freepost RLXT-ABXL-THJE, Equality Network, 30 Bernard Street, Edinburgh EH6 6PR
- Alternatively, you can respond by completing the longer general Scottish Government response form available online at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/05153328/13>
- Please complete the **Respondent Information Form Parts 1 & 2** in full to ensure your response is counted.

Respondent Information Form Part 1

Organisation Name (if applicable)

Surname

Forename or Initial

Individual responses need to provide a home address.

DO NOT give a home address if responding on behalf of an organisation.

If your organisation does not have a public postal address then you may wish to use
c/o Equality Network, 30 Bernard Street, Edinburgh, EH6 6PR

Postal Address	
<input type="text"/>	
Postcode	
<input type="text"/>	
Phone	Email
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Respondent Information Form Part 2

Permissions - I am responding as...

Individual		/	Group/Organisation				
<input type="checkbox"/>		<i>Please tick as appropriate</i>			<input type="checkbox"/>		
(a)	Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?				(c)	The name and address of your organisation will be made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).	
	<i>Please tick as appropriate</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					Are you content for your response to be made available?	
(b)	Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis						
	<i>Please tick ONE of the following boxes</i>						
	Yes, make my response, name and address all available	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	<i>or</i>						
	Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	<i>or</i>						
	Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address	<input type="checkbox"/>					
(d)	We will share your response with the Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but require your permission to do so.						
	Are you content for the Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?						
<i>Please tick as appropriate</i>						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
(e)	Are you content for the Equality Network & Scottish Transgender Alliance to contact you again with equality news and consultation opportunities?						
	<i>Please tick as appropriate</i>						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Consultation Questions

Guidelines:

- You do not have to answer every question.
- You should answer each question directly, but can include broader comments.
- If an issue you would like to address is not covered please feel free to attach additional sheets of paper to this short form.
- This is a shortened trans-focussed version of the Scottish Government consultation. For the full Scottish Government documents see: www.scotland.gov.uk/Consultations/Current

Question 20: Do you have any comments on the potential implications of the same-sex marriage proposals for trans people?

Yes No

You may also want to describe any real-life examples of distress and/or practical difficulties caused for trans people:

- by the current requirement for trans people to end their marriage or civil partnership in order to access gender recognition
- by the current restriction of marriage to only mixed-legal-sex couples and civil partnership to only same-legal-sex couples.

Your comments:

Question 10: Do you agree that the law in Scotland should be changed to allow same-sex marriage?

Yes No Don't Know

Please give reasons for your answer:

Question 13: Do you agree that same-sex couples should be able to get married through both civil ceremonies (conducted by a registrar) and religious ceremonies (conducted by those religious groups that want to)?

Yes No Don't Know

Please give reasons for your answer:

Question 19: If Scotland should introduce same-sex marriage, do you consider that civil partnership should remain available?

Yes No Don't Know

Please give reasons for your answer:

Suggested additional comment:

Do you agree that the law in Scotland should be changed to allow mixed-sex civil partnership?

Yes No Don't Know

Please attach any further comments as additional sheets of paper.

Please remember to return this form by 6 December 2011, to:

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