

## Same Sex Marriage

I do not want Same Sex Marriage recognised using the word Marriage in our country, nor to recognise ones performed overseas.

I feel that Marriage should remain as it always has and therefore the word to be an adjective describing a particular relationship; namely male and female.

I want the adjective to continue to not only describe a state of a union, but the consummate relationship of life; namely male and female. To do otherwise is to focus only on the union and weaken the adjective.

While people can not be stopped from forming permanent liaisons and partnerships at law I want the word marriage reserved for that particular union between a man and a woman that can usually lead to a family.

If same sex people want to make a permanent commitment to each other, let them think of their own adjective, so that everyone will know what kind of relationship it is; namely a same sex relationship.

On another point of equality; anyone should be allowed to form legal partnerships equal to marriage in legal rights even with no kind of sexual activity.

In other words I am arguing for the value of the word "Marriage" remain, with its special status in most people's minds as a male and female picture, at the same time as I am arguing for anyone to be able to register a partnership whether sexual or not using some other word.

Keep the word Marriage for a male/female partnership only.