

Glasgow University Students' Representative Council

1 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must live in their acquired gender for at least 3 months before applying for a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

Three months waiting period and "proof" of your gender identity is completely unreasonable by people having lived and decided on their gender identity long before this now having to justify it over a further extended time period. It should be a self-identification process. Why can you change all other forms of identification eg passport, but this you cannot in the same ease?

As an example, a young person recently turning 16 who may have lived in their identified gender for many years, will now have to wait a further 3 months to have that legally recognised.

2 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must go through a period of reflection for at least 3 months before obtaining a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

The primary concern is the 3 month reflection period after acceptance by the Registrar General. Why is this in place at all? Why should there another waiting period? This only adds to the anxiety and stress of having to go through this process in the first place.

3 Should the minimum age at which a person can apply for legal gender recognition be reduced from 18 to 16?

Yes

If you wish, please give reasons for your view.:

There are students in universities in Scotland who are only 16 years old. They live independently, have to pay bills, make mature decisions on a daily basis, yet are restricted in this aspect of their lives, which is completely unreasonable. Students may come to the university with documentation already changed, making it easier for young people to engage in their university career and perhaps working areas of life, and eases a later process of changing this information on their university profile.

4 Do you have any other comments on the provisions of the draft Bill?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

There is no mention of non-binary. Government forms and applications, as well as most private sectors, now have "other" or similar sections on what your identified gender is for Equality and Diversity information. By this fact, the bill does not reflect what areas of society already have in place for data collection, and so official documentation should reflect this.

A statutory declaration model may aid supporting those to continue in their lived identity, and creating a positive, supportive working environment.

Non-binary staff and service users should have legal recognition.

5 Do you have any comments on the draft Impact Assessments?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

This bill will not have any negative impacts on anyone else's human rights