Response to The Registration of Civil Partnerships Same Sex Marriage

Preamble

UCU Scotland has nearly 7,000 academic and academic-related members in Scottish higher education institutions (HEIs). We welcome the opportunity to respond to this Scottish Government consultation on The Registration of Civil Partnerships Same Sex Marriage.

Civil partnerships

We are a secular body with members from a diverse range of backgrounds and as such do not wish to comment on religious ceremonies.

Marriage

There should be complete equality in the eyes of law between marriage and civil partnerships no matter the religion or sex of the couple. For these reasons we make the following simple responses.

Question 10

*Do you agree that the law in Scotland should be changed to allow same sex marriage?*

Yes. Same sex couples should get the same access to marriage.

Question 19 (Paragraph 3.41)

If Scotland should introduce same-sex marriage, do you consider that civil partnerships should remain available?

Yes. Both civil partnerships and same-sex marriage should be available to all couples.