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## **New poll shows 86% support for lesbian and gay couples.**

A new poll conducted this week for the Sunday Times shows a **huge majority of people (86%) approve of lesbian and gay relationships**. The poll also found that two thirds of Irish people approved of lesbian and gay couples adopting.

“This is another welcome demonstration of the **transformation in attitudes to lesbian and gay people and of the generosity of Irish voters in their willingness to extend equal status and dignity to lesbian and gay people** and lesbian and gay headed families” said **Kieran Rose, GLEN Chair**.

“The Government has decided to hold a referendum on marriage in early 2015. The Taoiseach confirmed his support for marriage and stated that the Coalition Government would campaign for a yes vote in the Referendum” continued Rose.

“**It is clear from this poll and other recent polls public opinion firmly accepts that lesbian and gay people and families headed by lesbian and gay couples should be afforded the same respect, legal status and protections that are available to the rest of society.**” continued Rose.

“The widespread public support for more almost 1,500 Civil Partnership that have already been celebrated all across Ireland and the growing political and public support shows that Ireland is ready for the next step in the 20 year journey to civil marriage and full Constitutional equality for lesbian and gay people and families” concluded Rose.

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