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New poll shows consistent strong support for marriage for lesbian and gay couples.

A new poll conducted this week for PaddyPower.com by Red C shows continuing and **consistent support for civil marriage equality over the last number of years.**

“The RedC poll for PaddyPower.com shows that **a majority of the Irish people in every age group, in every region of the country, across every social class and across every political party support equal access to civil marriage for lesbian and gay couples**” said Kieran Rose GLEN Chair.

“**It is clear from this poll and other recent polls that Irish people firmly accept that lesbian and gay couples should be afforded the same respect, legal status and protections in the Constitution that are available to the rest of society.**” continued Rose.

The Government recently indicated that the referendum on civil marriage equality will be held in May 2015, following on from the recommendation of the Constitutional Convention in April 2013.

“**However, we do not take the outcome of the referendum for granted.** We look forward to widespread conversations with people all across the country to explain why marriage matters to lesbian and gay couples and to seek their vote in the forthcoming referendum” concluded Rose.

“We look forward to a **positive campaign which focuses on the value of marriage** to everyone in Irish society and explains why marriage matters to lesbian and gay couples” continued Rose.

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