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New Poll shows 76% support for civil marriage for lesbian and gay couples.

A new Red C poll conducted this week for Paddy Power shows a huge majority – **over three quarters of Irish people - (76%) supporting marriage for lesbian and gay couples** in a Constitutional referendum. 18% say they are opposed and 6.5% are undecided.

“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 the status and protections of marriage to lesbian and gay couples” said Kieran Rose, GLEN Chair.

“This has been a historic week for lesbian and gay people in Ireland. The Government decided to hold a referendum on marriage in 2015 and 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 that public opinion has shifted towards acceptance of marriage for same-sex couples right across the country, across all age groups and all political parties” said Rose.

“The widespread public support for more than 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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