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## **GLEN strongly welcomes Ibec's support for civil marriage equality**

GLEN strongly welcomes Ibec's statement that supporting civil marriage equality is good for business, good for employees and good for Ireland.

Commenting on Ibec's endorsement Kieran Rose, Co-chairperson of GLEN stated "Ibec is a leading voice of Irish business. Their statement today highlights the importance of civil marriage equality for Irish people, Irish business and creating employment opportunities."

GLEN Diversity Champions programme works with companies employing 80,000 people. These companies are committed to ensuring their workplaces are fully inclusive of their lesbian and gay employees.

"People are a company's most important asset. Supporting the right of loving, committed couples to be civilly married, regardless of their sexual orientation will help Irish companies attract, nurture and retain the very best and brightest people," continued Rose.

"Ireland has a strong reputation for openness, inclusion and diversity across the world. Every country neighbouring Ireland has civil marriage equality. Civil marriage equality will protect our reputation as a great place to do business, create employment and enhance our ability to attract diverse international talent," added Rose.

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## **Editors Notes:**

Note 1:

To read the Ibec statement in full please click [here](#).

Note 2:

### About Diversity Champions

Diversity Champions is Ireland's first and only not-for profit workplace programme designed specifically to assist Irish employers benefit from the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees.

Diversity Champions helps employers understand the business case for being inclusive of their lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees. It gives them the confidence and the know-how to make their policies, culture and services inclusive. It gives leading employers an opportunity to be recognised as Diversity Champions, connecting them with other Diversity Champions, policy makers, thought leaders, clients, potential employees and customers.

Diversity Champions is an initiative of GLEN – the Gay and Lesbian Equality Network.

For more information, please visit us at [www.diversitychampions.ie](http://www.diversitychampions.ie)