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

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

“The RedC poll for the Sunday Business Post 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 published the wording of the proposed marriage equality amendment to the constitution this week and have 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.

“The figures are very positive but a lot of work will be required to ensure the amendment passes. We look forward to widespread conversations and engagement with people all across the country to explain why marriage matters to lesbian and gay people and to seek their vote in the forthcoming referendum.” continued Rose.

“We will do all that we can to ensure that this is a positive campaign which focuses on the value of marriage to everyone in Irish society and how extending access to marriage to lesbian and gay people will strengthen that value. The referendum, if carried, will complete the remarkable 25-year journey to Constitutional equality for lesbian and gay people in Ireland” concluded Rose.

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