

Symposium on Equal Marriage: Civil partnership and marriage: separate and not equal.

PROGRAMME

- 10.00am Registration
- 10.15am Welcome
Professor Luke Clements
- 10.25am Defending our marriage
**Professors Celia Kitzinger
& Sue Wilkinson**
- 11.05am Case study:
Wilkinson v Kitzinger
Karon Monaghan QC
- 11.45am Discussion
- 12.00am Break
- 12.20pm The contribution of religion
Dr Augur Pearce
- 1.00pm Discussion
- 1.15pm Lunch
- 2.15pm Equal Love: A Legal and
Political Challenge
Peter Tatchell
- 2.55pm Case law:
Europe, Americas, S. Africa
Professor Robert Wintemute
- 3.35pm Discussion
- 3.50pm Final comments
- 4.00 Close



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A National Conference concerning the 'fitness for purpose' of the current law that excludes same-sex couples from marriage and heterosexual couples from civil partnerships.

Specialist contributions to the Conference include a personal presentation by Professors Celia Kitzinger and Sue Wilkinson. Their landmark case, *Wilkinson v Kitzinger*, 'ha[d] far-reaching implications for lesbian and gay equality and human rights more generally across Europe', according to Liberty. Karon Monaghan QC of Matrix chambers London will provide a critical analysis of the legal implications of the judgment. Dr Augur Pearce of Cardiff Law School will analyse the contribution of organised religion to the current law and the religious implications of reform. Two leading international speakers, Peter Tatchell of OutRage! and Professor Robert Wintemute of King's College London will close the Symposium by considering (respectively) the political and legal contexts of the campaigns for legislative change.

The Conference is an opportunity for discussion, questions and debate. It will be of particular relevance to professionals, lawyers, activists, and academics, indeed anyone wishing to be better informed, not only of the rights of the LGBT community to marry, but also civil partnerships for heterosexuals.



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SPEAKERS

Luke Clements is a solicitor and Professor of Law at Cardiff University Law School and Director of the Centre for Health and Social Care Law.

Professor Celia Kitzinger teaches in the Department of Sociology, University of York. Celia and Professor Sue Wilkinson were married in Canada. They brought a High Court test case seeking a declaration of the validity of their Canadian marriage in the UK.

Karon Monaghan QC practices principally in the fields of equality and discrimination law, human rights, public law and EU law. She is regularly instructed by the Equality and Human Rights Commission. She represented Sue and Celia in *Wilkinson v Kitzinger & Ors* [2006] EWHC 2022; (2006) HRLR 36.

Dr Augur Pearce is a lecturer in Cardiff Law School, whose regular teaching includes the Law of Religion. He is a director of the United Reformed Church Trust. His most recent publication in the Conference field is *Coupledrom: The Meaning of Civil Partnership* (2008) 158 New Law Journal 951.

Peter Tatchell has been campaigning for human rights, democracy, LGBT freedom and global justice since 1967. He is a member of the queer human rights group OutRage!. Peter is currently involved in a campaign, Equal Love, against the twin bans on same-sex civil marriages and opposite-sex civil partnerships in the United Kingdom.

Professor Sue Wilkinson teaches in the department of Social Sciences, Loughborough University. With Celia Kitzinger, she has published widely on marriage equality, including (with six commentaries) 'Social advocacy for equal marriage', *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, (2004), 4(1): 173-194.

Professor Robert Wintemute from King's College London, is a Professor of Human Rights law with special interest in EU Law, human rights, anti-discrimination and sexual orientation. His publications include 'Sexual Orientation and Human Rights' (OUP, 1997) and 'Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Partnerships' (Hart, 2001).

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