

Reasons to Vote NO to the Proposed Amendment in the Marriage Referendum

- 1) **IT IS A DIVERSIONARY TACTIC.** It appears that the yes men and women in political parties are using this referendum, and the extremely controversial Children and Family Relationships Act 2015, not to mention the Gender Recognition Bill 2014, to distract attention from the financial crucifixion of the ordinary people through local property tax, water charges, the universal social charge [USC], mortgages, and evictions.
- 2) **THE WORDING IS EXTREMELY ODD.**

Féadfaidh beirt, gan beann ar a ngnéas, conradh pósta a dhéanamh de réir dlí.
Marriage may be contracted in accordance with law by two persons without distinction as to their sex.

It doesn't include age limits. If it were proposed to introduce them by statute law in future, this wording would be no obstacle to same-sex child "marriages", "marriages" between a child and an adolescent, a child and an adult, or between an adolescent and an adult.

The Irish wording would allow same-sex pairs to make an undefined "marriage contract" — only same-sex pairs — but actually not to "marry" each other. It wouldn't permit man-to-woman marriage!
- 3) **SAME-SEX "MARRIAGE" IS NOT MARRIAGE ...** Even if the wording weren't extremely odd, only a man and a woman can produce children. An estimated 0.3% of the overall population would avail of same-sex "marriage", if actually legislated for. It is very short-lived, and promiscuous. Frequently same-sex pairs don't even live together. Only 1/10 of the countries of the world allow same-sex "marriage". Latvia, Hungary, Croatia, Slovakia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Northern Ireland have rejected it recently. Is the Republic of Ireland going to buck the trend?
- 4) **IT ISN'T GENUINELY COMPASSIONATE TO SUPPORT SAME-SEX "MARRIAGE".** On the contrary, it expresses indifference to the right to health, and the right to life, of those actively homosexual. The average life expectancy of those in same-sex relationships is 60 years. More than average, they are subject to HIV, alcoholism, use of illegal drugs, depression, and suicide. The Government campaigns against smoking, the misuse of alcohol, and obesity. Why the disconnect?
- 5) **CHILDREN ARE DAMAGED EMOTIONALLY, EDUCATIONALLY, AND MORE SUBJECT TO SEXUAL ABUSE, WHEN RAISED BY SAME-SEX "MARRIED" PAIRS.** This is the evidence from an amicus brief presented to the U.S. Supreme Court recently. The best interests of children must be respected, regardless of how small the minority is of same-sex pairs who wish to adopt children.
- 6) **IT WOULD BE WAY BEYOND TOLERANCE, AND A SURRENDER TO A VERY SMALL MINORITY, TO SUPPORT SAME-SEX "MARRIAGE".** If actually legislated for, the very small minority would dictate what marriage means. Persecution of believers surely would follow, and it would become a crime to teach and preach Christian morality. This has happened already in England, Scotland, Scandinavia, the United States, and Canada. For refusing work to do with same-sex "marriage", a baker has been brought to court in Northern Ireland, and a printer is being targeted in Drogheda — though same-sex "marriage" is not legal in either jurisdiction.
- 7) **IT IS 'GRAVELY IMMORAL' TO VOTE FOR SAME-SEX "MARRIAGE", AND TO ALLOW ADOPTION BY SAME-SEX PAIRS,** according to a Vatican document from 2003, *Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions between Homosexual Persons*, §10, §7, respectively.

Need more details? See our Referenced Leaflet, www.adfam.ie/Downloads

Issued by the Alliance for the Defence of the Family and Marriage [ADFAM]

ADFAM, Office 104, 35 Upper Rathmines Road, Dublin 6.

Name and Address of Printer: