

# Same-sex marriage is banned in Scotland

We believe that all loving, committed couples should have access to equal partnership rights regardless of their sexual orientation.

But in Scotland today we have a segregated system where same-sex couples are treated as second-class citizens: banned from getting married and offered the separate and symbolically different 'civil partnership' instead.

This discriminatory 'separate but equal' system effectively amounts to one law for lesbian and gay couples and another for heterosexuals, perpetuating inequality and homophobia in society.

If marriage was segregated on the basis of any other factor - such as race - there would rightly be an outcry. Maintaining separate institutions on the basis of sexual orientation is no less offensive or demeaning.

That's why we are calling on the Scottish Parliament to amend legislation to open up marriage and civil partnership to all couples, so there is one equal law for everyone.

## Help lift the ban

Please make a stand for equal rights and sign the e-petition today:

[www.equalmarriage.org.uk](http://www.equalmarriage.org.uk)