

Scottish Youth Parliament Press Office

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Scottish Youth Parliament's Response to Opinion Poll in Favour of Marriage Equality

Commenting in response to the Progressive Scottish Opinion poll released today (Friday 25th November) showing half of Scots are in favour of equal marriage, Grant Costello, Chair of the Scottish Youth Parliament, (SYP) said:

“The Scottish Youth Parliament believes this poll is further evidence the people of Scotland want marriage equality. Young people have already made this clear - 74% of those consulted for our Manifesto were in favour of equal marriage.

“All Scots have the chance to make this a reality. There are two weeks left for responses to be submitted to the Scottish Government consultation on same-sex marriage. The SYP ‘Love Equally’ campaign has already engaged with thousands of young people in favour of equal marriage rights - but this poll makes it clear there are even more people in favour. I encourage them all to respond to the consultation, make their voice heard, and help to promote equal marriage for all in Scotland.”

Ends

Notes to Editors

1.) Progressive Scottish Opinion asked 1233 people between November 16 -18 2011:

“To what extent do you agree or disagree that gay couples should be allowed to marry in Scotland’s Churches.”

Strongly Agree: 19%

Agree 31%

18% Disagree

18% Strongly Disagree

2.) ‘All laws regarding homosexual relationships, whether male or female, should be equal to those of heterosexual relationships’ statement taken from SYP’s Youth Manifesto ‘Picture the Change. From 42, 804 young people consulted, 74% agreed, 17% disagreed and 10% were unsure.

3.) The full details of the manifesto and Love Equally can be found and further information on the Scottish Youth Parliament can be found at www.syp.org.uk

4.) All media enquiries to Kate Bouchier-Hayes, 07825 335 489.