

End Deportations Belfast

Questions

1 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must live in their acquired gender for at least 3 months before applying for a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

End Deportations do not support these time delays and will be calling on the Scottish Government to remove these requirements.

2 Do you have any comments on the proposal that applicants must go through a period of reflection for at least 3 months before obtaining a GRC?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

End Deportations do not support these time delays and will be calling on the Scottish Government to remove these requirements.

3 Should the minimum age at which a person can apply for legal gender recognition be reduced from 18 to 16?

Yes

If you wish, please give reasons for your view.:

End Deportations support these proposals to extend access to legal gender recognition to younger people. However, we also would like to see a system whereby trans children and young people under 16-years old can receive a gender recognition certificate with aid of parental or guardian support.

4 Do you have any other comments on the provisions of the draft Bill?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

We support the Scottish Government's proposals to lower the age for gender recognition to 16. This would be in line with the rights of 16- and 17-year olds in Scotland to marry, gain employment, vote, and be held legally responsible for their actions.

5 Do you have any comments on the draft Impact Assessments?

Yes

If yes, please outline these comments.:

Although this Bill represents an improvement in trans people's rights, there are major gaps that will mean it only benefits some trans people. Non-binary people (those who don't identify as exclusively male or female) will still not be legally recognised, which will leave them with inconsistencies in important documents as well as a lack of recognition in day to day life. The bill must not leave non-binary people out.