

# **Civil Partnership**

## **Ceremony**

*Partner 1 Firstname and Surname*

*Partner 2 Firstname and Surname*

*Date of Ceremony*

*Time*

*Venue*

Good afternoon family and friends, for those who can, please be upstanding.

Processional Music

On behalf of **Party 1 Name & Party 2 Name** I am very pleased to welcome you to **Venue** this afternoon and to share with you in the celebration of their civil partnership.

Would you please be seated .....

I would now like to invite..... forward who will deliver some words of welcome on behalf of the party 1 and Party 2

Welcome 1 or Welcome 2 to be read by family member. (Optional)

I invite ..... to read, our 1st Reading, name of reading - (Optional)

## **CEREMONY**

I am a Registrar of Civil Partnerships for the District of Fermanagh & Omagh, and as such, I am authorised to Register Civil Partnerships.

I am here today to register the formation of a Civil Partnership between **Partner 1 Firstname** and **Partner 2 Firstname**, in accordance with the Law, in my presence and in the presence of your family and friends.

Before we register your Civil Partnership, I have to remind you of the solemn and binding character of the contract you are about to make together.

Civil Partnership, according to the law of this country, is the union of two persons voluntarily entered into, to the exclusion of all of all others.

At this part of the ceremony, I now invite Party 1 and Party 2 to declare that they are free to form a civil partnership.

**Partner 1 Firstname**, please repeat after me the following Declaration: -

I do solemnly declare that I DO NOT know, of any legal reason, why I **Partner 1 Firstname Surname** may not form a civil partnership, with **Partner 2 Firstname Surname**.

**Partner 2 Firstname**, please repeat after me the following Declaration: -

I do solemnly declare that I DO NOT know, of any legal reason, why I **Partner 2 Firstname Surname** may not form a civil partnership, with **Partner 1 Firstname Surname**.

**Partner 1 Firstname** and **Partner 2 Firstname** are now going to make their commitment to each other, Please face each other and if you wish hold hands. **You may add in your personal vows at this stage. (Optional)**

**Partner 1 Firstname** please repeat after me: -

I call our family and friends here present to witness that I **Partner 1 Firstname**, commit myself to **Partner 2 Firstname** in civil partnership. To laugh with you in joy, to comfort you in sorrow, to grow with you in love, to cherish & respect you, as long as we both shall live.

**Partner 2 Firstname** please repeat after me: -

I call upon these persons here present to witness that I **Partner 2 Firstname**, commit myself to **Partner 1 Firstname** in civil partnership. To laugh with you in joy, to comfort you in sorrow, to grow with you in love, to cherish & respect you, as long as we both shall live.

**Promises (Optional)**

Registrar to Party 1 Name - Do you solemnly promise, that you will always protect Party 2 Name, with your utmost care. That you will honour and cherish him/her, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer and that in all things, you will be to him/her a faithful and loving partner?

Response by Party 1 Name: 'I Do'

Registrar to Party 2 Name – Do you solemnly promise, that you will always protect Party 1 Name, with your utmost care. That you will honour and cherish him/her, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer and that in all things, you will be to him/her a faithful and loving partner?

Response by Party 2 Name: 'I Do'

**RING EXCHANGE (Optional)**

Party 1 and Party 2 will now exchange rings, which is the traditional way of sealing the commitment they have both just made.

I invite ..... forward to present the ring/s.

**Partner 1 Firstname/Partner 2 Firstname**

I give you this ring as a symbol of the unbroken circle of my love, a love freely given, that has no beginning and no end. May this ring always remind you of the commitment we have made here today.

**SIGNING OF SCHEDULE: Both Partners and Witnesses**

**Registrar Signs Schedule**

**Registrar:** By Virtue of having signed this Schedule in my presence as a Registrar of Civil Partnerships and before these Witnesses, I declare that **Partner 1 Firstname & Partner 2 Firstname** have now formed a Civil Partnership in accordance with the Law. You may now kiss. (optional)

I invite ..... To read our final reading, name of reading – (Optional)

Registrar - Congratulations to Party 1 and Party 2 and best wishes for your future together. I hope you all have a wonderful day of celebrations, please stand as Party 1 and Party 2 make their way down the aisle.

**Recessional Music**