

## **P-05-976 Permit weddings of 5 people (registrar/couple/2 witnesses) during COVID 19 in Wales**

This petition was submitted by Brianni Townsend having collected a total of 979 signatures.

### **Text of Petition:**

While wedding parties are understandably postponed for social distancing reasons, being able to get legally married is important to many, and is achievable without significant risk of spreading COVID-19.

Marriage provides legal rights for inheritance, children, next of kin medical decisions and housing. In addition, due to spiritual and moral convictions regarding cohabiting before marriage, many engaged couples are being forced to live separately as their wedding date passes by.

### **Additional Information:**

Allowing couples the opportunity to provide these rights to each other will help them during this stressful time.

Plans have been reported by BBC News in regards to "small outdoor weddings" to be permitted in Northern Ireland from 8 June, 2020.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-52809997>

### **Senedd Constituency and Region**

- Cardiff West
- South Wales Central