



We are delighted that the Supreme Court judges have ruled in favour For Women Scotland, and in favour of the right of association for lesbians.

Our congratulations and our thanks go to For Women Scotland for their tenacity, their tireless work in taking their case all the way to the highest court in the UK, and the many ways in which they have inspired so many of us to get involved. Trina, Susan and Marion have made a massive contribution to a reinvigorated women's rights movement in Scotland and further afield. Our congratulations also to Sex Matters for their successful intervention and our thanks for all their support.

We are proud to have been Lesbian Interveners alongside The Lesbian Project and LGB Alliance. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our fantastic legal team: solicitor Peter Daly and barristers Karon Monaghan KC and Beth Grossman, who worked pro bono to ensure that lesbian voices were heard. To quote from the lesbian intervention, 'Lesbians' rights matter too'.

The motivation behind our intervention was simple. Lesbians are same-sex attracted women. We are not, as the intervention says, attracted to certificates.

Lesbian spaces, community and services have dwindled to the point of near non-existence in recent years. Our work can now begin in earnest to restore our community, but we do not think that grassroots groups like Scottish Lesbians should have to continue to work alone and in the face of hostility to achieve this.

We call upon the Scottish Government to act immediately and join us in communicating clearly that women, and lesbians, have rights and deserve to be heard. We ask our MSPs to take seriously their responsibility to uphold the rights and the dignity of all citizens, refrain from vilifying ordinary women and make a point of meeting with us and listening to us.

Today we celebrate the success of For Women Scotland, and we are delighted that our voices were heard and made an impact in the highest UK court. Tomorrow, we take our next steps in reasserting the rights of lesbians. We do not underestimate the road ahead.