Feedback Book:

PLEASE LEAVE US A COMMENT!!

What a beautiful exhibition, thank you so much! ♡
-mark breen

Beautiful! I'm so proud to be a Cork ~~[illegible]~~ How-in
— Caoimhe xx ♡

Well done to all for putting this together — Thank You Cork Pride!

I'm really grateful for the LGBT Archive for remembering the history and activists in our community
-Shane Guiry

Excellent work Thank you for this Exhibition
Maryus McCann

Beautiful exhibition! Thank you for all your hard work! -A.

Im so happy to see gay exhibits with my boyfriend

Great to see more queer representation in Cork We need more exhibits like this in Ireland.

FEEDBACK BOOK:

Thank you for the beautiful exhibition with so many touching personal stories. We are everywhere ♡
much love, two queers from the Netherlands

An incredibly important exhibit, organised by a Fantastic team. Well done to everyone involved.
Lots of love,
Shane Kelleher ☺

~~God created Eve, not male and female~~

Beautiful exhibit regarding marriage equality in Ireland. Thank you for documenting the paramount moment of equality in Ireland.

Love from New Hampshire, USA
"Live free or die"
Where are the Aces?
We're here ♡

Hi ☺ This is so nice event on beautiful sunny day. We learn more about not just equality, even about soul of love, love to be recognated and supported. Thanks for interesting evening just to get understand what was behaind scene in anonim world of art.
bj. Aj.

FEEDBACK BOOK

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What an interesting, engaging and emotional discussion. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Great to celebrate 10 years of marriage equality and raise awareness of the need to continue to fight for equality. Mary Linn

Lovely !! ♡ JN.

Insightful & Valuable Exhibition - Eanna Ní Sullivan

Well done to all. 👍

Wonderful exhibition! - Megan Luddy

Thank you for preserving this triumphant part of Irish history - Kirsten Neville

Thanks for putting this together! Amazing, nostalgic & inspiring to walk down memory lane.
Eleanor Noonan

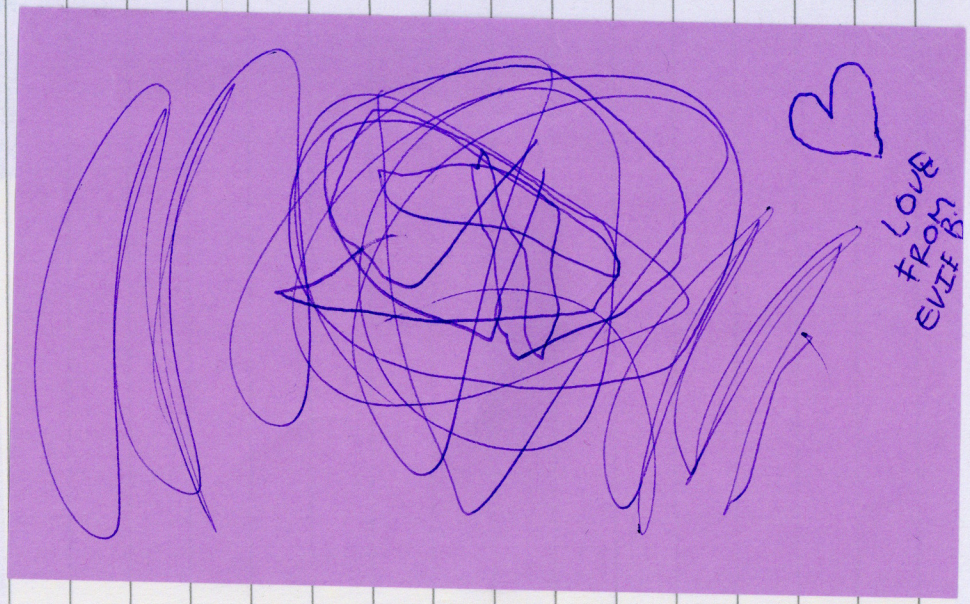
Loved the Exhibition - More please.
Ellen Murphy

never go back

I was 14 during the election. Going from having people debate my existence in class to today was a long road. We have so much more to fight for but I'm proud of how far we have come. ♥

i remember eleanor distributing YES badges in school! ☺
+ helping with the count in city hall ☺

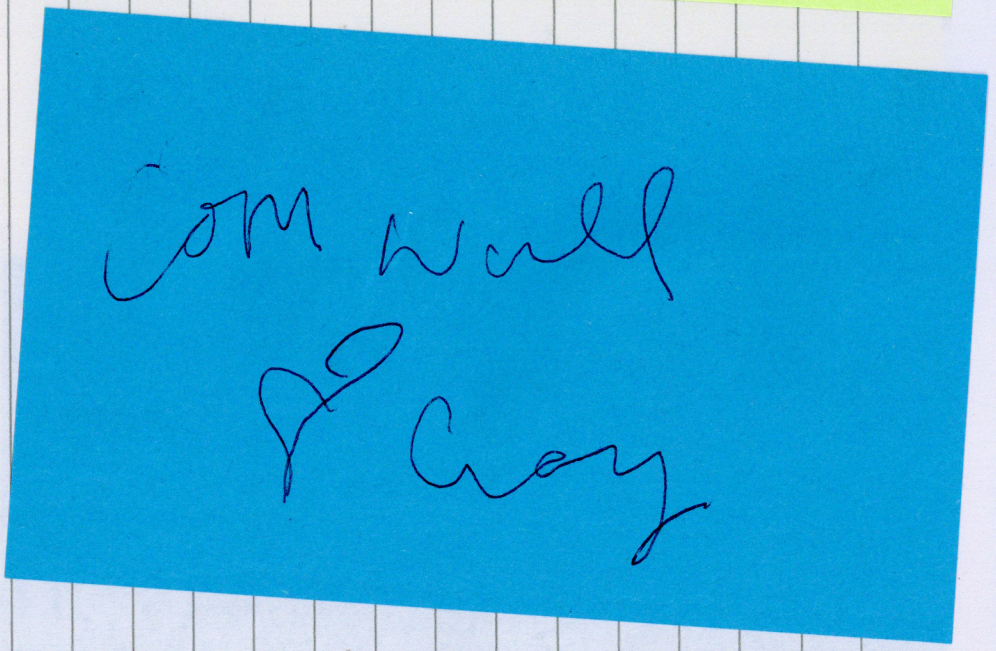
Thank you for including me in this wonderful exhibition to mark 10 years of Marriage Equality !!
It remains the proudest thing I've done - canvassing my home of Castletownbere + Beara in 2015!
Slán + Beannacht Cicián Driscoll



we Love ♡

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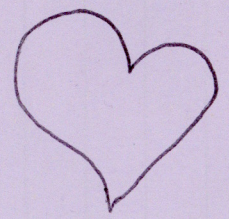
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LOWRY.

to love is to be

BRAVE

happy pride!!



I Love it

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I voted yes for a future with love for all. Not realising it would be needed for my own family. A choice I will never regret ♡.

I was a teenager when the vote was passed, 10 years later I'm with my girlfriend just shy of 2 years! Thank you to everyone who voted yes :)

Happy Pride!

Always remember: Someone loves YOU ♡

The T.V. Ads still bring a tear to my eye all these years later. Canvassing was tough for me, very public. Putting yourself at the mercy of someone behind a door. But I did it. I was there at the count centre in city hall with my now husband. We cried + celebrated together for the weekend. ♡

I canvassed for marriage equality ten years ago with my lesbo friends when we were 15, before we could legally vote ourselves!
Here we are 10 years later, still lesbo friends & proud of the Ireland we were part of changing ♡♡♡

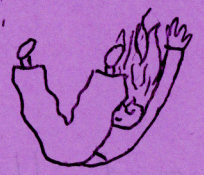


It was THE great moment in Ireland. So proud of being part of it.
HAPPY PRIDE
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"To Equality, freedom of choice"
XOX
Love Always
Louise.

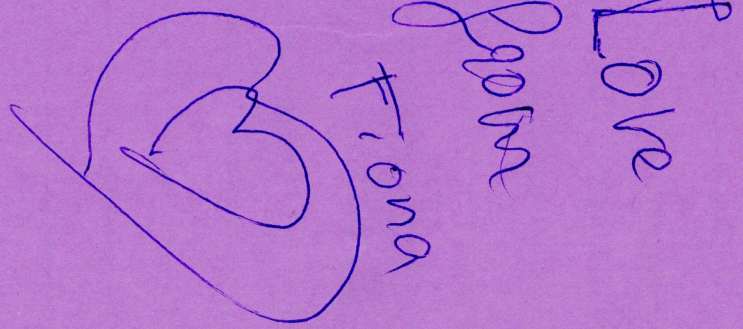
It's been a long road. But now we can look back & see how far we've come. Let's never go back!

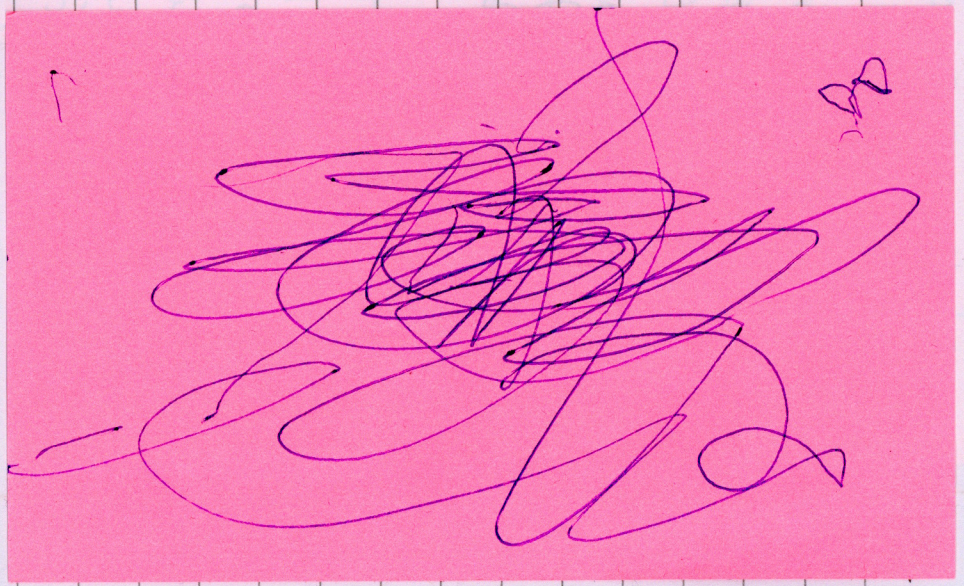
If I can't come out at home,
I'll come out to a wall in a foreign
country where no one knows me...
I'm LESBIAN!!!
Love u all ♡♡♡



Turn around for my discord:

You are
LOVED





As a blow-in, I was so proud to cast my first vote in an Irish referendum. A resounding yes! And then I popped the question. Luckily it was another yes.

♡ JPS

As a person who struggled to come out as bi when I was 14, I was honoured to volunteer for this event as a 20 year old.

Love is Love ♡

I came out in May 2015, and ~~after~~ seeing such a positive campaign helped to reassure me and encourage me to do so. 10 years later and I have never been a more proud gay man!

Eoin & Dave

Together in life since 2006. Married in 2021, because of those who felt it was important to be equal!

xxx ♡

Growing up with a very conservative family, who believe bisexuality was a phase; my experience made me convince them to vote yes. And now 32, I'm a proud bisexual woman.

I Remember the Joy i.e. Pain in my son face before, during & after the vote.

Sons
Sons' Mothers

We're an Irish-German queer couple here visiting with our child. In Germany, where we live, we could only have our child legally with two parents as a married couple, that's why we got married initially. We are so happy we did for so many more reasons now! It's such an important right to have for everyone & an important milestone in equality. Thank you for

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this wonderful exhibition & for giving the space to our important milestone in Irish history! Ireland is more progressive in that sense than Germany where marriage equality was only established in 2017 & where we experiencing a massive conservative & right-wing pushback on queer rights. Don't be Germany! 4

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Well done
to all involved.



I registered to vote just so
I could vote yes.
It felt like an important moment
to stand up and be counted.

I CANVASSED at work and on
the streets for a "yes" vote Handed out
leaflets at work and on the streets and
on DAUNT SQUARE — DONE leaflet drops etc
well done to Everyone for their marvellous
Effort - still a long way to go but we
will never give up! MARCUS McCANN

:)

Life is too short to make life more beautiful. Vote yes to make it a better place. Love everyone & let love!

Amaru

Lots of love to the whole community and allies who paved the way for this queer generation.
From a pun cork gal!

Hello I am from AUSTRIA

Best Regards

Anna

For my Sons → Daughter & her Partner
Amy & Del
+
Love Bob

I'm absolutely delighted for all of ye! ♡

Onwards and upwards!!

XXX

I remember being so proud of my family for all doing their bit for the campaign - canvassing, organising, running the social media. I'm so lucky to have them. Seeing the amazing hard work done by all the Yes Equality Cork gang in the North Mall HQ was inspiring and strengthening. I couldn't vote yet at the time so my friends + I canvassed + talked to anyone we could about it. 1/2

As a Polyamorous Trans man my partners are everything to me and to have that kind of love be accepted in our community would change my world

- Billie

I ♡ being accepted by my friends & family for being who I am.

I was only 10 years old when the Marriage Equality Referendum was happening and growing up on the northside, I had already been exposed to a lot of homophobia and didn't understand the campaign.

However, it changed as I saw more signs + ads about it... 1/3

... The Marriage Equality Referendum was my first time seeing being gay as a positive.

While the casual bigotry never went away, it made me less comfortable within it and as I grew older, I realised at 14 that I was bisexual, and at 19, that I am genderqueer.

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Without the Marriage Equality campaign, I may never have discovered who I was, as it helped me stop internalising homophobia and allowed me to explore my identity without guilt or shame.

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I love my BoyFriend!



Happy Pride!

I Love my Wife!

Marriage Equality was my first ever vote ♡

Been attending cork pride garage with friends and knowing that I have community has really helped me come to terms with my own identity

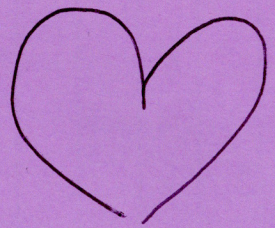
-Aisling

Since I was a few weeks shy of 18 (& voting), I decorated a pizza with toppings to spell out YES - hard to belive that's already 10 years ago!

I am for a safer place for future me in another universe

My 3rd date with my now GF (we've been together 1yr now) was Pride, and I'm grateful for all the queers who came before us for putting in the work so we can have Pride ~~too~~ now in 2025 ♡

Hello I'm from AUSTRIA



Best regards

Marlene Pöringer

BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE



XX

GAYZE
GAYMES
WUZ HERE

follow our instagram

EVERY FORM OF
LOVE IS
WORTH IT



RESPETO

Thank you for those who put
So much effort into making cork
& Ireland so beautiful. Canvassing
for such a cause for the community
before, presently & in the future
There is hope & Love

Great memories!

Colm.

Thanks to everyone who fought back then for us now ♡

P.S.

Everyone is valid ♡

I look back at that period of time with joyful tears in my eyes.

I knocked on doors every evening, asking strangers permission to marry the man I love.

Ireland said YES! A resounding, big fat YES!

I married my wonderful husband the following year.

I REMEMBER BEING OVERSEAS THINKING I WOULD NEVER RETURN TO IRELAND AS I SAW IRELAND AS A COUNTRY THAT DID NOT WELCOME PEOPLE LIKE ME. AFTER SEEING THE CAMPAIGN ONLINE FROM OVERSEAS I THOUGHT "WOW, I'M NOT ALONE" AND THEN WHEN I SAW THE RESULTS OF THE CAMPAIGN I ACTUALLY THOUGHT THIS WAS FAKE NEWS AS HOW COULD THE COUNTRY I LEFT CHANGE SO MUCH.

I SMILED, LOOKING AT MY FRIEND AND SAID "I CAN GO HOME NOW."

THANKS THOSE THAT PUT SUCH EFFORT INTO THE CAMPAIGN.

I'm on holiday in Cork.
So pleased to be here ~~for~~ Pride.
Very moving to read the struggle
for Equality, and to mark ten
rs for LGBT+ marriage xxx
♡♡♡

It was such an honour to have
this be my first vote the year I
turned 19. I felt so much hope as a
young queer person & am still so
proud of how Cork & Ireland as a
whole came together for it ♡
- mark, 10 years on & more queer than ever!

YES! SHE SAID YES,
AND WE'RE 3 YEARS
MARRIED THIS YEAR!
THANK YOU ALL!

I Voted Yes for my
friends, family, future
children of the world.
Now I have my own
She has a choice
♡ =

I'm just visiting, but my sibling and many friends are queer and trans and this was lovely to see.

Thank you!

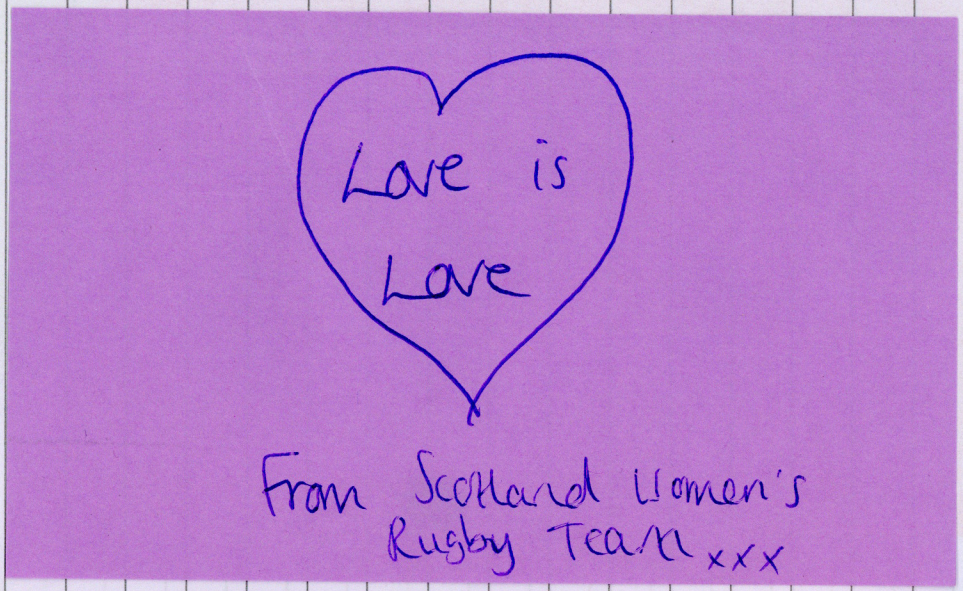
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- Scott De Buitléir

WRITING THE LETTER HANDED OUT AT MASSES
MY FAMILY BEING ON THE AONE GAEL LEAFLET
LOTS + LOTS OF CANVASSING

I was only 12 when the vote went out, but when I heard that it won I remember crying in school. At the time I thought it was just emphathy, now I understand.

♡ love is love ♡



From Scotland Women's Rugby Team xxx

I remember being 16 and too young to vote, holding back tears talking to my grandmother trying to get her to vote yes and her refusing. and my aunt looking at me and promising to vote Yes and she will never know how important that was to me

The Marriage Equality Referendum was one of the biggest moments in Irish History As a straight Ally, I was delighted to support friends, family neighbours and colleagues in LGBTQI+ Community ♡ Cllr. Cicra Clerkin

I was 10 years old & spent weeks begging my mum to vote yes. I Remember my Dad asked my Granny what she would be voting, afraid she would vote no. She told him that & she has 10 grandchildren, and at least 1 of them is bound to be gay. (She was right. They all voted yes in the end & I came out 3 years later!

I was only 10 and had no idea that I was a lesbian then, but the only memory I have of the referendum was crying to my mam in the car because I thought it meant my mam would have to divorce my dad if yes won. So silly but also glad I was a 10 yr old (I thought)

Thank you to everyone who voted Yes! I feel very lucky to see LGBT+ couples live their lives and love each other proudly! Makes me excited for my future with my partner!

I couldn't vote in the referendum as I was too young but I felt so strongly about it as an "ally" (the closet was glass!) — thank you to everyone who voted so I can live by best lesbian life now

—C ♡

I canvassed heavily for MarRef, was in 1st year of university at that time. I feel a lot of hurt and trauma from how I was treated on doorsteps, but it was also my first time meeting older queers, and I saw my future for the first time. Mixed emotions.

I'll never forget waking up to a country that had voted 'YES'! Having driven my children to school past posters that diminished our families, lives and relationships. I'd felt I'd have to move us all away if it had gone the other way. I have a new sense of pride now, in my country as well as holding ours the PRIDE I always felt about my identity and our beautiful LGBTQ1+ community ♥

Lovely Exhibition. I was doing my leaving cert 10 yrs ago. Thank you for your work for equality

Delighted to be able to tell my then 2 yo about marriage equality — 10 yrs on she still remembers. She's also fervent supporter of LGBTQ+ rights. Here's to the future!

Aqui é um lugar seguro para pessoas gays no mundo!
Vive tu vida.

SAYING 'YES' WAS A NO-BRAINER AND MY FIRST VOTE! ♥

I DIDN'T FULLY REALISE OR APPRECIATE THAT 18 YEAR OLD ME WAS VOTING FOR MY FUTURE AND OPENING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ME TO HAVE THE OPTION AND FREEDOM TO MARRY MY GIRLFRIEND. TO PLAY A SMALL PART IN IRISH HISTORY WAS MOVING BUT TO PLAY A PART IN MY OWN FUTURE WITHOUT REALISING IT IS BEAUTIFUL.

Wonderful to remember how far we've come and how far we still have to go! Well done x

I ♡ LGBTQ
I ♡ CORK
and the community
Love to ALL!

- From the Netherlands

I'll never forget the evening of the marriage ref results, all my freinds (mostly straight at the time, surprised me that night and all came around to my house at the same time. I nearly wept! We proceeded to have a big house party, and then we all headed to chambers to dance and laugh the night away! One of the best nights ever ♡♡♡

At the time of the Marriage Equality Referendum my Grandfather was still alive and volunteering part time in my hometowns parish church. A real "man of his time" if you will.

I only discovered years later from conversations with relatives that at the time of the marriage Equality Referendum, when the entire country was split into Yes or No, my grandfather challenged the Bishop on the churches stance.

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He knew and accepted that I am gay and he couldn't justify voting No on religious grounds as he believed that Love is love and that his grandson had a right to marry the person I love. He heard their arguments + biblical citation and dismissed them all, proudly declaring he would be voting "Yes" - "for my grandson and all others who are denied this right." I cannot tell you in words how moved I was to learn this...

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... and cannot tell you how heartbroken I was that I never got the chance to thank him for standing up for me before he died. I learned this story years after he passed. But a man in his 80s, from a small rural town, who grew up in Catholic Ireland, in a different time and generation where the Church's word was law, could not only challenge his own indoctrinated beliefs that he held so close, but so openly challenge 3/4

representatives of that very same institution he held so dear.

And the reason he could and did was so simple.

Love.

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I was 19 at the time of the Referendum and it was the first time I was old enough to vote in anything. I had just finished 1st year of my undergrad in UCC and the student union held its own vote on whether it would be for or against the referendum. The students voted yes.

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From casting my vote, to seeing the yes votes come in from all the counties, and seeing people chant Daviel Norris's name in Dublin castle, everything felt so magical.

It felt like the world was truly becoming a better place.

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I remember watching my granny (who is very catholic) deciding to vote yes after watching an interview on RTE, even though she didn't know her two queer grandchildren.

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While I didn't campaign at the time, just being a spectator felt amazing. The fact that we were the 1st country to vote in marriage equality made me more proud to be Irish than I've ever been, before or since.

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It was an amazing moment in Irish history and I'm so glad to have had the privilege to see it. Later coming to the realisation that I'm queer myself has made the memory all the sweeter.

#makegrá the law

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The power of community organizing
& being unafraid to have
those difficult conversations continues
to inspire!

[Also I remember the sheer joy of watching
the results come in at the day's
the MQ!! A brilliant day!] 2/2

-Eleanor Neoman
in memory of Mary Lielson