

# ALK MAAR ROOM CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONY

Good Morning/Afternoon. May I extend a very warm welcome to you all to the Alkmaar Room in the Guildhall, and a special welcome to ..... And .....

My name is ..... and I will be conducting the ceremony, and my colleague is ..... and he/she will be registering the partnership.

On behalf of .....and..... I should like to welcome you all here today to share with them in their celebration. Through their vows they will be making a commitment to each other and through your presence here you are expressing your support for them.

This place in which you are now met has been duly sanctioned according to law for the celebration of Civil Partnerships.

You are here today to witness the formation of a Civil Partnership between .....and..... If any person present knows of any lawful impediment to this Civil Partnership, he or she should declare it now.

.....and....., the purpose of this partnership is that you may always love, care for and support each other through the joys and sorrows of life.

A civil partnership requires closeness and distance; closeness of a couple growing together and enough distance to allow each partner to be an individual. A good partner will be loving, caring and above all, a best friend.

## POEM OR MUSIC

One of the really nice aspects of a civil partnership is that it allows each partner to have some input into the ceremony, and it also allows for their friends and families to take part.

I am now going to call on ..... to bring us a reading.

Title:

The moment has come for .....and..... to make their legal vows.

## DECLARATION

Each partner in turn to repeat:-

I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other's civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

.....and..... we celebrate with you today. We are glad to join with you in the solemnisation of your civil partnership, to witness your vows and to support you in your intentions for your future life together.

..... / ..... Will you have ...../..... to be your life partner? Will you promise to be faithful to her/him and look after her/him throughout your lives together?

“I will”

## VOWS

“I ..... pledge to share my life openly with ..... I promise to cherish and tenderly care for you, to honour and encourage you. I will respect you as an individual and be true to you through good times and bad. To these things I give my word”

We now come to the exchanging of rings which is an outward sign of the contract you have both just made. The ring is an unbroken circle, it has no beginning and no end. It symbolises unending and everlasting love and is an outward sign of the lifelong promise you have made to each other.

## RINGS

To be brought forward by .....  
(*alternatively placed on cushion on table*)

.....and....., “I give you this ring as a lasting reminder of the promises we have made today. It represents my commitment to cherish and respect you, and be faithful and loyal throughout our lives together.”

.....and..... you have made here today all those declarations which are prescribed by law and have made a solemn and binding contract with each other.

You have sealed that contract with the giving and receiving of rings. In addition you have given to each other a promise of love and commitment.

This is a new beginning for .....and.....

May they have many happy years together and may all their hopes and dreams be fulfilled. May they believe in each other, and may the warmth of their love enrich not only their lives but the lives of those around them.

You have both made a solemn and binding contract with each other in the presence of your witnesses and before me, and I have very much pleasure in confirming that you are now partners in law.

Congratulations,(Optional – please check) you may now kiss  
Signing of Schedule with 2 witnesses