



Celebrant - Led Weddings

As you know Breda Gavagan left her position on 1st February last, after working for over 23 years as Manager of Firhouse Central Remedial Clinic. Since then, she has trained as a **Family Celebrant** with the Irish Institute of Celebrants (IIOC) and completed a website course to design her website www.bredacelebrant.com. As an independent Celebrant, not affiliated with any faith or group, she can create the wedding ceremony of your dreams that reflects your personality and preferences.

As a Family Celebrant, Breda offers the following services: weddings, same sex marriages, vow renewals, second marriages, baby naming ceremonies, an original, personalised ceremony written just for you and as many meetings as you need with ongoing emails and phone contact.

In Ireland, to be legally entitled to marry, the couple must:

- Have the [capacity to marry](#) each other
- **Freely consent** to the marriage
- Observe the **3 month [marriage notification process](#)** required by law.

To get married in Ireland, you first need to contact the HSE on <http://www.hse.ie/go/marriage/> to make a **marriage notification appointment** and give three months' **notice of your intent to get married**. The fee for this is currently €200. Secondly, after the three months' notice, you need to arrange a date to sign the marriage certificate, which is the legal paperwork for your marriage. You need two witnesses for this part.

Same sex marriages have been legal in the Republic of Ireland since 16 November 2015. A referendum on 22 May 2015 amended the Constitution of Ireland to provide that the marriage is recognised irrespective of the sex of the partners. Ireland was the first country in the world to legalise same sex marriages.

There are two sides to getting married – the marriage, which is the legal agreement you are entering into, and the wedding which is the celebration of your decision to enter into a marriage together.

As a Celebrant, Breda helps engaged couples who want a non-religious wedding ceremony to have a beautiful, bespoke, unique, and meaningful wedding celebration with their families and friends, in a location of their choice and on the day and of their choice. Her service is purely ceremonial and is not legally binding, all the legal paperwork needs to be done in the couples' local HSE registry office. Breda's is the ceremony with your family and friends, it is about celebrating your love and relationship in a way that is special to you. At the wedding celebration, even if you have not signed your legal marriage certificate, Breda can still declare you married and present you with a certificate which will not be a legal document, but it will be a nice memento from your wedding celebrations.

With a Celebrant-led wedding, you can have your wedding celebration anywhere, in your back garden, a hotel, country manor or local historical landmark. There is no need for witnesses or guests, or you can have as many guests as you want, **the choice is yours**. After meeting with you both and discussing what you want, Breda can then design a personalised, and bespoke ceremony; you are free to have the ceremony of your dreams. Your love story is the beating heart of the ceremony.

According to Breda 'working as a Celebrant is extremely exciting and exhilarating as she gets to meet people at the most loved up and happiest times of their lives'.

Playing a role in any wedding is exciting, but to be the Celebrant is a huge undertaking and one that Breda is passionate about.

To create your dream wedding ceremony, the dress is not the only thing that needs to fit – your celebrant should too, and Breda is a perfect fit for any wedding.



The ceremony will last approximately 30 minutes, depending on the readings, music and wedding enhancements chosen by you. Breda can help with suitable readings and music if needed.

If anyone knows someone looking for a Celebrant for their wedding, can you please pass on Breda's details, as it is hard to get a business started up especially after Covid, and Breda would really appreciate it.

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