

10 tips to choose the right CELEBRANT



Simone Walsh from The Civil Celebrant is giving you her 10 top tips to choose the right Celebrant for your wedding day.

CONNECTION

Your ceremony is a very special and intimate time, so it's very important you feel a connection to your celebrant and that they understand the story you are trying to tell.

YOUR CEREMONY, YOUR STORY

Your love story is unique, as your ceremony should be. Ask your celebrant do they work from a template or are they going to tell your story, in a language you understand and in a way that has meaning to you.

INITIAL CONTACT

Always speak with your celebrant either in person, by phone or via a Skype chat before making your booking or any payment. You should always be given the opportunity to ask any questions and understand the process before making a decision.

BOOKINGS PER DAY

Ask your celebrant how many ceremonies they perform a day. Its best if it's just the one. Some book in several weddings, so make sure there is plenty of time between ceremonies to allow for any delays.

CHOICE

Don't be afraid to speak with a few different celebrants, this helps to understand their background and beliefs.

CONTENT

Keep a ceremony diary. When you come across a reading or poem, a piece of music or a ceremony element, jot it down and bring it to your first celebrant meeting. This really helps your celebrant to set the tone for your day.

COST

Before booking, ask what the total ceremony cost will be, including any travel fees.

LOCATION

Check whether your celebrant is happy to work in the environment you have chosen – on a hill side, island, beach, restaurant or anywhere else you fancy! If your ceremony is on location, ask your celebrant if they have microphones and battery powered speakers. Any outdoor ceremony over 10 to 15 people requires amplified sound.

LENGTH

Ask how long your ceremony will be and if there are any time restrictions, as to the length of your ceremony.

DON'T RUSH

Your ceremony sets the tone for your wedding day, so treat it with the respect it deserves!! Don't rush your plans and be careful not to focus only on your reception. Your celebrant should work with you to ensure your celebration is one of a kind and unforgettable!

WHAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS CELEBRANT?

The best part of my job is creating a ceremony that is centred around the couple and their love story. Knowing that every element was considered to reflect in some way the journey they have travelled to arrive at their wedding day, be that six months or 26 years!

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ABOUT

Based in Co. Dublin, Simone Walsh is a formally trained independent celebrant, with a background in nursing and public speaking. A civil ceremony is not based on any religion or faith. The ceremony is created just for you. It can be held in any location and involve as many or as little people as you would like. Simone aims to quickly put couples at ease, and encourage them to open their imagination to all the possibilities for a wonderful celebration! Each ceremony she creates is bespoke and made just for you or your loved one.

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