1) DEVOLUTION
Although our Assembly is not functioning this is a devolved issue and should be decided locally. The majority of people here both Catholic and Protestant wish to maintain current legislation which protects both the lives of mothers and the unborn. Please do not equate either Unionists or Nationalists who are pro-life with bigotry or I enlightened thinking.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
As a pastor I have seen (after initial devastation) many people who have had a child born with a disability come to a decision that they wouldn’t change a thing. The value of a life is not in its potential (either in the womb or after birth) but in their basic humanity.
I have seen a baby who could have been aborted born at 22 weeks in pregnancy at 1lb 1oz (over 20 years ago) survive and develop normally without disabilities and he is now at university. I believe our current law on abortion protected him and thousands of others.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
I don’t believe this is either an issue of equality or of having a diverse culture. Surely our laws ensure protection for children, mothers and indeed fathers as well. This is not an issue of equality but of valuing all human life especially the unborn who have no voice of their own.

4) PERSONAL STORIES

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