



**The London
Community
Foundation**

Leave a lasting legacy for London

Your guide to leaving a gift in your Will

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About this guide

We understand that giving to charity is a deeply personal experience, and everyone is unique with specific needs.

This guide is designed to help you understand how **leaving a gift in your Will** to The London Community Foundation can make a lasting impact on the people and communities that matter most to you. It should serve as a conversation starter, so that you can take the next step towards giving with confidence and clarity.

We look forward to speaking with you and exploring how, together, we can make a lasting difference for London.



Why leave a gift in your Will?

Leaving a legacy donation to The London Community Foundation will benefit you, your family and loved ones, as well as many of London's most vulnerable and marginalised people in a number of ways.



Support a charitable cause

Charities like The London Community Foundation work tirelessly to make a positive difference to our local area. We specialise in supporting smaller, local community groups across the Capital – organisations that are a lifeline for the most marginalised Londoners. We all know charities rely on donations to keep going, but did you know that 30% of all UK fundraising comes from legacy donations? Testament to the amazing long-lasting impact of this type of gift.



Leave your mark on London

Whatever the size of your donation, by remembering The London Community Foundation in your Will, you can make sure not only that our good work lives on for years to come, but that your memory does too. Right here where you lived, worked, and set down roots.



Be more tax efficient

Leaving a gift to The London Community Foundation – as with any charitable donation – is tax exempt and, depending on the size of your gift, can even reduce the amount of inheritance tax you pay on your entire estate. Please consult your solicitor, visit gov.uk/inheritance-tax or HMRC to find out more about your options.





Why London?

London is a diverse city, in which complex social problems exist. We believe that communities often characterised as poor and disadvantaged are rich with ideas and assets. Whether it's a youth group in Camden, an over-60s club in Lambeth, or a women's aid group in Tower Hamlets, with the right support and funding, these small charities and community groups can make a big difference.

Why The London Community Foundation?

Trusted to deliver since 2010

The London Community Foundation champions local community organisations by harnessing the power of local philanthropy. To date, we have raised and awarded over £125 million to support communities across London and hold over £24 million in endowment funds on behalf of our donors. Our years of experience have helped us identify which groups and projects are already making the most effective impact, embedded in their communities and relied upon to support London's most marginalised people.

Our vision

A strong and diverse civil society, that tackles disadvantage and creates greater equity in London.

Our purpose

Through good philanthropy, our knowledge and expertise, we convene donors to invest in charitable organisations working to overcome the issues affecting London.

Your legacy in safe hands

Your generosity combined with the experience and knowledge of The London Community Foundation, and our connections to grassroots charities and organisations across the capital, will ensure your impact goes even further.

Benefits of giving through us

1

Unparalleled local giving

We are the community foundation for London. By giving to us, you can have a tangible impact right here on your doorstep. Supporting small grassroots organisations who have built up the trust and expertise to understand and tackle their communities' specific challenges.

2

Flexibility

You and your family can choose different grassroots community groups to maximise the impact of your fund with The London Community Foundation. We offer the flexibility you need to align your legacy with the causes that matter most to you, all in one place.

3

Effortless philanthropy

Choose how and where your fund is spent without the administrative and reporting responsibilities, making the process of sharing your legacy effortless. We provide professional, personalised services to help you meet your philanthropic goals.

4

Knowledgeable guidance

Benefit from our experience and insight into London's grassroots community sector. We can connect you and your loved ones to communities in need of support, providing knowledgeable guidance to enhance the impact of your legacy.

5

Collaborative approach

Our high-quality philanthropic service complements the support offered by your professional advisor. Collaborate with us to create a legacy that reflects your values and makes a lasting difference in grassroots communities.

6

Efficient fund management

Set up a personalised fund quickly without waiting months to register as a charitable trust. We handle the fund set-up, due diligence, assessment, grant deployment, and impact reporting, ensuring your legacy is managed efficiently.



How to give

1

Take care of your loved ones

We understand that your loved ones come first. Once you've taken care of them, anything you decide to leave us will still make a substantial difference; even just 1% of your estate can contribute to shaping a better future for those we support.

We also welcome families contributing to how your legacy is managed, helping them play a part in how your gift makes a difference to people most in need.

2

Add The London Community Foundation to your Will

All you need to do is let your solicitor know our charity number (1091263) and the amount you wish to leave as your legacy. We highly recommend consulting a solicitor to ensure the legal correctness of your Will and that your wishes are respected. For assistance in finding a local solicitor, you can contact The Law Society in England and Wales (020 7242 1222), Scotland (013 1226 7411), or Northern Ireland (028 9023 1614).

3

Choose which type of gift

You have two main options: a pecuniary legacy (a fixed cash gift) or a residuary legacy (a percentage or share of your estate's balance). Many supporters choose a residuary gift as it keeps in line with inflation and doesn't lose value over time.

4

Decide how your gift is used

You can choose specific organisations to support or simply donate to The London Community Foundation as a charity. We encourage you to speak with our Donor Relationships Manager if you have any specific requests.



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Gaynor



Legacy donor spotlight



Gaynor has been a supporter of The London Community Foundation – and community foundations in general – for more than 10 years. She is a former trustee and now holds an endowment with The London Community Foundation called Give Camden CF.

In her words, "After I've gone, what I have built up in savings and pensions should be worth a lot more than I could ever donate in my lifetime. So, a charitable gift in my Will, alongside family commitments, makes a lot of sense."

Gaynor is a passionate advocate for the importance of local, grassroots organisations and the difference they can make towards a fairer, more equitable London. She has supported a wide range of charities through The London Community Foundation over the years, including those who support young people across the city and those that offer crisis support during Covid and the cost-of-living crisis. Gaynor has also given to help ensure The London Community Foundation can continue to support even more of London's network of vital community organisations.

"Everything about community foundations matters to me – community-focused grantmaking, strategic thinking about the big issues and what makes a difference to them, a promise of always being there to support communities, grounded in equality and diversity, good at managing money for the common good."

Gaynor is delighted to include a gift to The London Community Foundation in her Will.

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Thank you

Ready to join the community as a legacy contributor and make a lasting impact, where it matters most?

Find out more about how The London Community Foundation can help you on your giving journey by contacting a member of our expert team.

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