

## Legacy – Prospects Across Scotland

Please, take a few moments to read through this guide to leaving a gift in your Will. It shows how these wonderful gifts can change the lives of people with learning disabilities and church communities.

### Leaving a gift to Prospects Across Scotland in your Will

Making or amending your Will to leave a gift to Prospects Across Scotland is one of the kindest gestures you could ever make. It's easy to arrange with the help of a solicitor and needn't cost a lot of money.

### **Your family's needs come first**

Of course, when it comes to your Will, we understand that the needs of your loved ones will always be paramount. But once you've looked after those closest to you, leaving a gift to Prospects Across Scotland could make a dramatic difference to so many lives, at every age.

### **We're grateful for gifts of any amount**

At Prospects Across Scotland, we're so thankful for every gift that supporters choose to include in their Wills. What's more, your gift doesn't have to be large to make a difference. Whatever you're able to leave will help create a lifetime of possibilities for people with learning disabilities.

### **Making a list of your assets**

A good place to start when making or amending your Will is to make a list of your assets and what they're worth. Then, make another list of everything you owe. This will give you a good idea of what your estate is worth.

### **Choosing who you want to help**

Next, think carefully about all of the people and causes you'd like to remember in your Will, and how you'd like to divide your estate between them. You'll also need to choose executors, who'll normally be friends, relatives or professional people you trust.

### **We'd love to hear from you**

We always want to say thank you to kind supporters, so if you do decide to include a gift to Prospects Across Scotland in your Will, it would be wonderful if you could let us know your intentions on the form enclosed.

### **We are here to help.**

We know that leaving a gift in your Will is something you'll want to think about very carefully. If you have any questions or need any help, please don't hesitate to call us on 07827939520. Of course, whatever you decide to do, you're free to change your mind at any time. We also promise to keep whatever you tell us in strict confidence.

## **The different types of gift you could leave**

There are four main ways you can include a gift to Prospects Across Scotland in your Will and help our vital work. However you choose to help, we'd be grateful for whatever type of gift you decide to leave us.

### **Fixed sum of money**

Also known as a pecuniary gift, this is a gift of a specific amount of money. If you do decide to leave this type of gift, it's worth reviewing from time to time as inflation can reduce its value.

### **A share of your estate**

Once you've provided for your loved ones, you can leave a share of whatever remains to Prospects Across Scotland. It can be any percentage you like, it's up to you. And because this gift is a proportion of your estate, it keeps pace with inflation.

### **Gift of a specific item**

You can also choose to leave a particular item to Prospects Across Scotland, such as a piece of jewellery, an antique or even a property. A gift like this should be named in your Will.

### **Discretionary Trust**

This gift provides financial support for a loved one after your death. In the sad event of their passing, all or part of the remaining estate can be left to Prospects Across Scotland or other causes that are close to your heart.

## **What to do next**

The following forms contain lots more practical information about leaving a gift to Prospects Across Scotland in your Will. If you have any questions about gifts in Wills, or Prospects Across Scotland's work in general, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on 07827939520

Thank you once again for considering this extra- special way of supporting our work.

# We'd love to hear from you

*Thank you for your interest in leaving a gift to Prospects Across Scotland in your Will. If you do intend to remember us in this way, we'd be grateful if you could let us know so that we can thank you personally.*

It's only thanks to kind, compassionate people like you that we can change the lives people with learning disabilities in Scotland.

Naturally, when it comes to your Will, we understand the needs of your family and friends always come first. But if you do decide to leave a gift to Prospects Across Scotland, no matter what size, it can make a dramatic difference to so many people.

If you'd like to let Prospects Across Scotland know of your intentions, please tick the relevant box opposite and return this form to us at the address below, as we would really like to thank you for your kindness.

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will, or any aspect of Prospects Across Scotland's work, please don't hesitate to call Prospects Across Scotland in confidence on 07827939520.

You can also email [ivy.blair@prospectsacrossscotland.org.uk](mailto:ivy.blair@prospectsacrossscotland.org.uk) or write to: **Prospects Across Scotland, 16 Isaac Mackie House, Bank Street Elie KY91BL**

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I have already included a gift to Prospects Across Scotland in my Will

I intend to remember Prospects Across Scotland in my Will

I haven't decided yet

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We'd love to keep you updated on what we're up to, our fundraising activities and how you can get involved. Please tick if you're happy for us to contact you via:

Post  Email  Phone  Text

We will always keep your data safe and will never share your details.

# Your questions answered.

*There can be a lot to think about when it comes to making or adapting your Will. Here are answers to some of the questions you might have.*

## **Do I have to make a Will?**

Making a Will is the only way to make sure your family and friends are provided for in the way that you want. Otherwise, your exact wishes may not be carried out after you die. It's also important to make a Will to protect your loved ones from an unwelcome tax bill.

## **Do I need a solicitor?**

No, but we'd always recommend that you use a solicitor. It's extremely important that your Will contains the correct legal wording.

## **Can you recommend a solicitor?**

We can't, but the Law Society of Scotland can help you find a suitable solicitor in your area. For more details, visit <https://www.lawscot.org.uk> or call **0131 226 7411**.

## **Can I change my existing Will to include a gift?**

Yes, simply ask your solicitor to add a codicil to your Will. It's also a good idea to regularly review your Will to make sure it's up-to-date with your circumstances. For example, there may have been births, deaths, marriages or divorce in your family since you last looked at your Will.

## **How will my gift be used?**

Prospects Across Scotland will use your kind gift to create opportunities for people with learning disabilities to hear a Gospel message in a relevant way and be fully included in Church communities.

## **What if I can only leave a small gift?**

Every gift we receive, large or small, can help transform the lives of people with learning disabilities, so we're extremely grateful for whatever you can spare.

## **Do I need to think about inheritance tax?**

There's no tax payable on a gift left to charity in your Will. What's more, it could reduce the total amount of your estate that may be liable for inheritance tax.