

Leaving a legacy:

1. How do I make a will?

You can make a will at any stage of your life. You don't have to be sick or getting older to make a one and the peace of mind you'll gain from having a valid will in place can be a great comfort. We suggest contacting your solicitor who'll be able to give you professional advice based on your personal circumstances and answer any questions you might have. If you don't have a solicitor of choice, contact the Law Society of Ireland for a list of solicitors in your area.

2. I want to leave a legacy, but I've already made my will. Can I change it?

It is very important you review your will regularly, particularly if there have been any significant changes in your circumstances like getting married, buying a new house, having baby or are about to retire. An existing will can be changed to include a legacy to the charity of your choosing. This change is called a "codicil" and can be easily drawn up by your solicitor.

3. How do I leave a gift to Cheshire Ireland in my will?

There are three different ways in you can leave a gift to a charity in your will:

- **A residuary bequest.** This means the remainder or part of the remainder of your estate is bequeathed to your charity of choice once all your family and loved ones have been taken care of.
- **A pecuniary bequest.** This is a specific sum of money you would like to donate your chosen charity from your estate. You can ask for this donation amount to be index-linked to ensure its value remains the same over time.
- **A specific gift of property** e.g. jewellery, household items, a building or shares.

Your solicitor will be able to give you advice on which option best suits your wishes and personal circumstances.

4. Example of wording

Your solicitor may find the following wording helpful if you'd like to remember us in your will.

For a gift of the residue of an estate:

"I give to Cheshire Ireland of Unit 23, IFC House, Fashion City, Dublin 24, D24 PD6H, all [or a fraction] of the residue of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the said Foundation shall be full and sufficient discharge of the same."

For a gift of a fixed sum or specific item:

"I give the sum of €_____ or I bequeath _____ [the item specified] to Cheshire Ireland of Unit 23, IFC House, Fashion City, Dublin 24, D24 PD6H and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the said Foundation shall be full and sufficient discharge of the same."

5. How much should I leave to Cheshire Ireland?

This is totally up to you.

No matter how small or large your gift is, it will make a lasting difference to our work and will be hugely valued.

Amending and updating your existing Will?

If you wish to amend an existing Will so that you can make a gift to Cheshire Ireland, here is some suggested wording to make this small change or speak to your solicitor directly:

- "I give to Cheshire Ireland, Registered Office: Unit 23, IFC House, Fashion City, Dublin 24, D24 PD6H, registered charity No. CHY5484: The sum of € (Amount in figures and in words) or (a specific item) or all my property known as (name of property) and situated at (location of property) or All (or a share of) the residue of my estate. I direct that (i) my bequest be applied by Cheshire Ireland or it's charitable purposes and (ii) the receipt of any Trustee of Cheshire Ireland for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors."