

Legacy Brochure

Together, we can make Ireland a safe home for people seeking protection.



The Irish Refugee Council was created 30 years ago with one vision: provide extensive support for people fleeing persecution and harm. Today our work is more important than ever as many people are forced to leave their home every year. Leaving a gift in your Will is a wonderful way to secure stability for people who have left everything. A gift in your Will can help to make sure that anyone who arrives in Ireland, will find a safe sanctuary and be able to put down roots, for generations to come.

And for this, we cannot thank you enough,

Nick Henderson

CEO
The Irish Refugee Council

A gift in your will could transform lives

Leaving a gift in your Will is an act of kindness that will ensure that will change the world for the better and ensure that your values live on in our work.

Leaving a gift to the Irish Refugee Council could :

- Support women in the international protection process to find a job that gives them confidence and stability for the future;
- Secure safe housing for a family who just arrived to Ireland;
- Ensure that unaccompanied children receive the protection they need and are empowered to reach their full potential;

Your impact: Abdulai's story

Abdulai, 25 is originally from Freetown Sierra Leone. He arrived in Ireland in November 2018 and was housed in a Direct Provision Centre. He was feeling very lonely as he does not have any family here in Ireland. For the last two years, Abdoulai has been a very active member of our Youth Group and has received educational support. With this support, he is hoping to become a legal professional and to make a difference in his new country, Ireland.

"Words can't express how grateful I am. Hadn't been with the support of the IRC I wonder how my life would have been today. The IRC is a great blessing to me and so many."

Leaving a gift in your Will:

A gift in your will is a distribution from what you own to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. Some people choose to leave a gift to a cause that is close to them or their loved ones. Choosing to leave a gift in your will to The Irish Refugee Council could make a massive difference in the lives of people fleeing harm and persecution.

There are different types of gifts you can leave:

- A **residual legacy** is a share or percentage of your whole estate. Usually, it is shown as a percentage of your estate once all expenses, debts and specific gifts have been taken out.
- A **pecuniary legacy** is a fixed sum of money.
- **Specific gifts or bequests** are personal possessions, including property.

Writing your will

The steps you should take to put a gift in your will are the following:

1. Make a detailed list of your assets (financial, real estate, vehicles...) and decide how much you want to give to the Irish Refugee Council.
2. Set up an appointment with your solicitor who will help you to write your will. If you do not have a solicitor or a financial advisor, please contact us and we will help you find one.
3. Choose your Executors. Executors are people named by you in your Will who will carry out the instructions left in the Will.

Changing your will

If you already have a Will, a minor addition such as a gift to the Irish Refugee Council can be made using a codicil. This is a separate document that is signed and witnessed. It must be kept with your Will but not attached to it.

Major changes may call for a new Will, which would be easier to arrange the second time around. We recommend that you ask a solicitor to write a codicil for you so that it reflects your wishes accurately.

Thank you!

We know that leaving a gift in your Will is a very personal and meaningful decision. That's why we want to make this promise to you: We will always ensure that donations are spent wisely, according to your wishes.

