



# BE PART OF OUR LEGACY

By leaving a gift in your Will to The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) you can be part of the incredible story of the women who won the vote, and leave a lasting legacy of hope to women and children suffering from domestic abuse in Manchester. Legacies are special gifts. However big or small you can be sure that it will mean a huge amount to the people that we work with.

Legacy gifts are critical to the future of our work at the Pankhurst Centre and the future of women and children across Manchester.

- We are **dedicated** to preserving the Pankhurst Centre as an **iconic** site of women's activism and to ensuring that the **powerful** story of the women who won the vote continues to **inspire** future generations.
- We provide **specialist** domestic violence and abuse services and **support** and **empower** hundreds of women and families each year, helping them to live a life **free** from violence.
- We have the **trust** of survivors. Feedback from our service users consistently demonstrates the difference our work makes to as we provide the support survivors require to **rebuild** their lives: *"I knew nothing, I had nothing, I had no one, just you."*

Our work is long-term and it is life-saving.

*"Before I came to this refuge I felt dead inside. Everything was so dark. Now I feel like there is light at the end of the tunnel and that I have hope for me and my children. I want to live again, you saved mine and my children's life, I'll be forever grateful."*

There are **three types of gift** you can leave in your Will to support our work:

- A **share of your estate** (called a **residuary legacy**) is the percentage of the remainder of your estate once all other legacies and costs have been paid. Whatever your circumstances, a percentage makes the biggest difference to our work. Also, it won't be affected by inflation, so your gift will retain its value.
- A **specific sum** (called a **pecuniary legacy**) e.g. £10,000. Its real value will decrease over time due to inflation unless it is index linked to the Retail Price Index. We are grateful for all legacy income received, however, it is worth being aware that a gift of £100 may be worth a lot less in 20 or 30 years' time.
- A **specific item** of value such as an antique or jewellery.



Once you have decided what type of gift you would like to leave in your Will, please ask your solicitor to use one of the following suggested wordings:

**For a residual legacy:**

I give all/a share of [***please state fraction/percentage***] of the residue of my estate absolutely to The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) of 60-62 Nelson Street, Manchester, M13 9WP, Registered Charity No. 1126433, Company registration No. 6726553, to be applied by The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) for its charitable purposes, and I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or any other proper officer of The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

**For a pecuniary legacy:**

I give to The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) of 60-62 Nelson Street, Manchester, M13 9WP, Registered Charity No. 1126433, Company registration No. 6726553, absolutely, the sum of [***amount in figures, amount in words***] to be applied by The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) for its charitable purposes, and I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or any other proper officer of The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

**For a specific item:**

I give to The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) of 60-62 Nelson Street, Manchester, M13 9WP, Registered Charity No. 1126433, Company registration No. 6726553, absolutely, [***write in here whatever you wish to give***] to be applied by The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) for its charitable purposes, and I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or any other proper officer of The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

**Our pledge to you:**

- Your friends and family come first. We understand that you will want to make them your main beneficiaries of your will and take care of them first.
- Every penny will count. Your money will go to where the need is greatest and will be spent in the most cost-effective way.
- We respect your privacy and will handle your legacy gift with the utmost care and sensitivity.
- There is no pressure to tell us that you have left a gift to us in your will. You are under no obligation to do so.

**Thank you so much for considering a gift in your Will to The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid). We really appreciate your kindness.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**

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# FAQs

## **Why do I need a Will?**

A Will is an important document expressing how you wish your estate (property, money and possessions) to be allocated once you die. If you do not have a will, your estate may be allocated according to certain existing rules that do not reflect your wishes.

## **What can I say in a Will?**

Your will should express how you wish your estate to be allocated after your death. When drawing up your will you may want to consider the following things:

- What money, property and possessions do I have?
- Who do I want to benefit from my will (the beneficiaries)? You should draw up a list of everyone you want to leave money or possessions to.
- (If applicable) Who should look after my children under 18?
- Who do I want to sort out my estate and carry out the wishes of my will (the executors)?

## **How much does it cost to make a Will?**

If you choose to use the services of a solicitor rather than write the will yourself, you will incur costs. These costs will vary depending on the solicitor and the complexity of your will. It is best to ask for a few quotes from different solicitors beforehand and be clear as to what you are expecting for the fee they charge.

## **What are the different types of legacy?**

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- A **specific sum** (called a **pecuniary legacy**) e.g. £10,000. Its real value will decrease over time due to inflation unless it is index linked to the Retail Price Index. Although we are extremely grateful for all legacy income received, it is worth being aware that a gift of £100 may will be worth a lot less in 20 or 30 years' time.
- A **specific item** of value such as an antique or jewellery.

## **How do I amend my Will?**

You can amend your will at any time with a codicil form (an example of which can be found in this Legacy Pack). A codicil form is a supplement to a will which allows for alterations to be made whilst keeping the rest of the will intact and saves having to write a new will.

## **If I've left a gift to The Pankhurst Trust, should I tell you?**

Although we love to hear that The Pankhurst Trust has been left a gift, you are under no obligation to inform us if you have done so. It is up to your own discretion.



**How will The Pankhurst Trust use my gift?**

The Pankhurst Trust use donations in the most cost-effective way, spending the money where the need is greatest. Your gift could be used in our heritage work at The Pankhurst Centre, conserving the legacy of the women who won the vote and ensuring that their story continues to inspire people today, or it could be used to fund a range of services we offer to women and children suffering or at risk of domestic abuse across Manchester.

**Why should I use a solicitor to write my will?**

While it is not a requirement to have a solicitor write your will, it is advisable to use their services to ensure your will is as effective and has no mistakes that could cause problems after your death.

**I'm not a wealthy person; would anything I leave be helpful?**

One of the great things about a will is that you can leave a small percentage rather than a specific amount. Whatever your circumstances, even a small percentage can make a huge difference. Also, it won't be affected by inflation.

**Wouldn't it be better to help now rather than later?**

We are immensely grateful to anyone who chooses to support our work however they choose to do so. It's up to you to choose what type of gift suits you best. We appreciate that not all of our supporters can donate throughout their lifetime and can only afford to give after their death.

**Isn't this a private matter?**

Absolutely. We believe that the only way anyone should find out about the contents of your will during your lifetime is if you choose to tell them, and we will always respect that. Some supporters want to tell us they have made a provision for The Pankhurst Trust in their will but others prefer not to.

**How will my family feel about it?**

We believe in the importance of family: that's why we don't ask you for a specific sum of money but for a small percentage of whatever is left.

**Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax**

The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) is a UK registered charity and therefore gifts and bequests to us are generally exempt from Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax if you are a UK tax payer. Please seek advice from your solicitor about Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

**What if I need to change my will?**

Your situation could change and, of course, you can change the contents of your will at any time and for any reason – regardless of what you had originally decided to leave in your will.



## **UPDATING YOUR WILL WITH A CODICIL FORM**

If you have already written your Will and would like to update it to include a gift to The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid), please complete this Codicil and give it to your solicitor.

I, .....(Full Name)  
Of.....(Full Address)

Declare this is the (first/second) Codicil to my last Will dated:.....  
I give to The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) of 60-62 Nelson Street, Manchester, M13 9WP, Registered Charity No. 1126433, Company registration No. 6726553, a..... % share of my residual estate, the sum of £.....or a specific item, being ....., for the general purposes of The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) in carrying out its charitable purpose, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid) will be full and sufficient discharge to my executors.

Please ensure that you sign and date the document. Two witnesses are required in England, Wales and Northern Ireland; one witness in Scotland. Witnesses should be over 18 and should not be beneficiaries of your Will or Codicil.

In all other respects I confirm my said Will and any other existing Codicils thereto.

Signed:.....  
Date:.....

**Witnessed by**

Witness 1

Name:.....  
Address:.....  
Occupation:.....  
Signature:.....  
Date:.....

Witness 2

Name:.....  
Address:.....  
Occupation:.....  
Signature:.....  
Date:.....