Leaving a gift to MLMC in your will





For almost 20 years, My Life My Choice (MLMC) has worked hard to raise the self-esteem, confidence and quality of life for people with learning disabilities by providing training, employment, volunteering and social opportunities for our members.

Help us to continue to create a world where people with learning disabilities are not held back from living the life they want to live.

Leaving a gift in your will won't cost you anything during your lifetime, but will mean that people with learning disabilities will continue to have their voices heard after you are gone.



"My life is a lot better than it used to be. I am more confident, more independent, have more friends and more money."

Pam Bebbington,

MLMC Consultant



"I have learnt that if I want to do something I can. Now I don't take notice of others who say I can't or won't be able to achieve things."

Nigel Taylor, MLMC Member

There are 2 different types of gift that you could leave:

A pecuniary gift is a fixed sum of money.

A residuary gift is a percentage of the value of your estate.

We are grateful for gifts of any amount. A gift of just 1% of your estate can make a real difference to people like Pam and Nigel.

Registered Charity No: 1073247

Example Wording

We strongly recommend that you have your will drafted by a solicitor to make sure that what you want happens in the right way.



Here is some sample wording that you might want to use if you choose to leave a gift in your will to My Life My Choice:

For a percentage of your estate (a residuary gift)



I give a ...% share of the residue of my estate to My Life My Choice, The Jam Factory, 27 Park End Street, Oxford, OX1 4PA, registered charity number 1073247 to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

For a specific sum (a pecuniary gift)

I give the sum of (words and numbers) to My Life My Choice, The Jam Factory, 27 Park End Street, Oxford, OX1 4PA, registered charity number 1073247 to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.



Legal words—Jargon buster!

An **administrator** is the person who works out what to do with your money if you die but don't have a will.

A **beneficiary** is a person who is given something from a will.

A **bequest** or **legacy** is a gift left in a will.

A **codicil** is when you make a change to an existing will.

Your **estate** is everything you own at the time of your death.

An **executor** is the person or people you choose to make the things in your will happen. It can be a friend, family member or solicitor.

Intestacy is what happens when somebody dies without making a will.

Probate is the legal process to establish whether or not your will is valid.

A **testator** is the person who is making the will.

A **will** is a legal document which says what happens to somebody's money and property when they die.



Do you want to talk to us about leaving a gift in your will?

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