



**A guide to leaving a gift  
in your will to LDN London**



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Learning Disability Network London



# By leaving a gift you can help to create a brighter future for disabled people and their families



LDN London enables people with learning disabilities to live their life the way they want to. We support them to be part of their local community and have the opportunities that everyone should have.

At LDN London we have been supporting people with learning disabilities and breaking down barriers for nearly 60 years. Leaving a gift to LDN London will enable us to carry on doing this for another 60 years and beyond.

It is thanks to generous donors like you who have left us gifts in the past that we have been able to grow and be the organisation we are today. We now support over 500 people with learning disabilities each year.

By remembering LDN London in your will you will help create a more equal society where people with learning disabilities can thrive.

Your will is a personal matter and taking care of those closest to you will be your priority. Many people also choose to support a cause that they value and we hope you consider supporting us in this wonderful way. Large or small we will be thankful for any gift you would like to make - a gift which would be truly life changing.

Thank you for taking your time to read this guide. If there's anything else you'd like to discuss with the team, you can do so in confidence by calling 020 8206 6613.



**Thank you**  
Gabby Machell  
Chief Executive Officer







# Things to think about when making your will:

## Planning your will

The first step is to sit down and make a plan – write down your assets and think about the people and causes you would like to include.

## Inheritance tax

Any gifts left to charities, including LDN London are exempt from inheritance tax – so leaving a gift could reduce the tax to be paid on your estate. Inheritance tax is complex and often changing – to get advice and information you can find out more on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax>

## Funeral plans

You may want to include funeral plans as part of your will. It can be reassuring for loved ones to know that they are carrying out your wishes.

## Making your will

We are part of Remember A Charity and they have lots of useful information about what to consider when you are writing your will on their website:

<https://www.rememberacharity.org.uk/leaving-a-gift/>

You may also want to visit the Law Society website, where you can search for solicitors near you:

<http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/>

## Reviewing your will

It is important to review your will regularly to make sure it's still aligned with your wishes.





## Malcolm's story

“When my mum died I wanted to die and be buried with my mum, I did not know what to do, I was very unhappy and anxious and fed up. Gabby, Carol and Sharon from LDN London helped me; they brought me to Croxley Road and found me a job to do and helped me to find somewhere to live.”

# Questions you may have

## **Why should I write a will?**

A will makes it a bit easier for your loved ones at a difficult time as they are able to carry out your wishes.

## **Why should I update my will and how do I do it?**

Your circumstances might change over time, you may have children, get married, divorced and therefore change your wishes, so it's important to review your will regularly. To amend your will you will need to add a codicil – a document which your solicitor will help you draw up which is kept with your will.

## **Why should I leave a gift to charity?**

Leaving a gift to charity mean your values can live on, and you can continue to make a difference to the lives of others. Leaving a gift in your will is also a tax efficient way to support a charity.

## **What are the different types of gifts I can leave to a charity?**

There are three main ways to leave a gift to charity in your will:

Residuary – This is when you give a share of your estate or a percentage of what is left over once loved ones have been provided for.

Pecuniary – This is a set amount of money, you can choose any amount you want. It's worth reviewing now and again, as it may lose it's value over time due to inflation.

A specific item – you may wish to leave a specific item such as a piece of jewellery, an antique or even a property. This item should be named in your will.

## **What is an executor?**

An executor is someone who is responsible for making sure the wishes you write in your will are carried out.

## **Can I include a trust fund to look after a vulnerable person?**

Yes, a trust can be created to look after a vulnerable person such as a relative who has learning disabilities.

For further information you can speak to your solicitor or visit [Remember a Charity website](#).

“I hope that by giving regularly and leaving a gift in my will I can support the incredible work of LDN London throughout my life and beyond”

*Emma, regular donor*



# How do I include LDN London in my will?

In order to leave a gift to LDN London in your will please make sure your will states our:

- Full name
- Address
- Charity number:

Learning Disability Network London Limited

16a Croxley Road, London, W9 3HL

Charity No: 801081

If you do decide to leave a gift to LDN London then please take a moment to inform us. You can fill out the form enclosed in this pack, call 020 8206 6613 or email [erussell@ldnlondon.org](mailto:erussell@ldnlondon.org)



Getting support through LDN London means Patricia is able to be creative and fulfil her passions as an artist





# Plant a seed for change and let it grow

Leave a gift in your will to enable us to continue breaking down the barriers people with learning disabilities face in their daily lives.

For advice and guidance about leaving a legacy please visit our website: [www.ldnlondon.org/leave-a-legacy](http://www.ldnlondon.org/leave-a-legacy) or get in touch with Emma: 0208 968 7376

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