



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

Leave a gift and create a brighter future for people with learning disabilities and their families

At LDN London we have been supporting people with learning disabilities and breaking barriers for 60 years.

Throughout time we have been a bedrock of support for people with all kinds of learning disabilities. We have supported them when they have desperately needed us, including when they faced discrimination. We have helped people to live fulfilled lives and have the opportunities they should have but were not able to.

Leaving a gift to LDN London will help us to continue to do this for another 60 years and beyond.

Without the generous donors who have left us gifts in the past, we would not be the organisation we are today. We now support over 500 people with learning disabilities each year to live safe, happy, and fulfilling lives.

By remembering LDN London in your will you will help to create a more equal and better society, where people with learning disabilities are simply seen as regular members of their community and can play a part as much as anyone else.

We would be extremely grateful for any gift, however big or small. It truly would be life changing for people we support.

Thank you for taking the time to read this guide. If there is anything we can help you with, or you would like to discuss something with our team, you can do so in confidence by calling Emma Russell on 020 8206 6613.



Thank you!

Gabby Machell
CEO



What do the next 60 years look like?

“Our ambition is to provide support to as many people with learning disabilities as possible across London.”

We fundraise to create a better, more equal and inclusive world for people with learning disabilities.

We fundraise to overcome the inequality that people with learning disabilities in London face every day.

Many people with learning disabilities simply want to live an ordinary life. To have the same opportunities as other people who don't have a learning disability.

But there are barriers in place to getting the things that many people take for granted, such as having a home, good relationships, a social life and a job.

An ordinary life and ordinary expectations are not so ordinary. But they should be. We support people to have these important ordinary things.

Our focus over the next few years is on raising money to help people with mild and moderate learning disabilities who get little or no support from government-funding.

Government cuts, as well as the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis, have hit people, leaving them isolated and without support. Many have struggled with their mental and physical health, poverty and loneliness, and many at-risk people have fallen through the cracks.

To help these people we opened our first Community Hub in Westminster. This is a place where they can learn new skills, socialise and are part of their community.

Our ambition is to provide support to as many people with learning disabilities as possible across London and for no one to fall through the cracks. Our plan is to open a Hub in every part of the city where we work.

We want to make sure that no person with a learning disability experiences loneliness, exploitation, or a lack of opportunity, while we're here.

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 or 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 means 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 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](#).

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: Learning Disability Network London Limited
- Address: 16a Croxley Road, London, W9 3HL
- Charity number: 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 Emma on 020 8206 6613 or email erussell@ldnlondon.org



*"I am really shy! No, I am not really.
I love dancing and singing and I am
always happy."*

- Valmie -

“Having worked for LDN London for 32 years, when I retired and found time to write my will, I immediately knew that I wanted to leave a gift that could help in some small way to enable the charity to continue its work into the future.

It was a privilege always to support people with learning disabilities in Westminster and to work for a truly progressive organisation and I would encourage anyone who is thinking about leaving a legacy to LDN London to do so. Every now and then I remember that I've done it and it pleases me no end to know that the values that I hold dear can be carried on and continue to make a difference to the lives of others.



Jayne Bown

*Supporter and retired Property Manager
at LDN London*



"Ariana Grande is Leandro's absolute favourite - it always gets him moving."



"Lipgloss and everything sparkly is Sarah-Jayne's favourite."

Things to think about when making your will:

Planning your will

The first step is to list 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.



Learning Disability Network London



"Without The Hub, I don't know what I would have done. It's made a difference to my life. I wouldn't have known anyone at all, I would have been quite lonely. Yeah, it means quite a lot to me."

- Stephen -



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Pledge card

It would be very helpful if you could let us know your present intentions. This form is not legally binding, but it will help the charity with our long term planning. It is entirely your choice whether you wish to state the details of your legacy or not, but any details you give will be treated in the strictest confidence. Such a pledge does not commit you in any way; it is simply a statement of your present intentions.

Your details

Title:

First Name(s):

Surname:

Telephone:

Email:

Address:

Your legacy

The approximate value of my gift will be (if known):

My gift will be:

A gift of cash

An object of value

A gift of property

A residuary legacy

I would like my gift to be directed towards:

The area of greatest need

I would like to discuss my legacy

Other:

Signature:

Date:
