

Your Legacy can shape the future

Leaving a gift in your Will to COPE Galway
is a powerful act that creates a brighter
tomorrow for countless individuals and
families in our community.



COPE Galway

COPE Galway is built on the foundation of community spirit and the belief that together, we can transform lives.



By supporting COPE Galway:

You offer hands-on help to those in Galway facing the realities of homelessness.

Your generosity becomes a beacon of safety for women and children experiencing domestic abuse.

You enable older people to continue living in their community for as long as they wish to.



You don't have to be wealthy to leave a gift in your Will and you can leave a legacy gift in different ways. Of course, family and friends come first, but even a gift of 1% of your estate to COPE Galway will create a brighter tomorrow for countless individuals and families in Galway. Your legacy can build a better tomorrow for your community.

The types of legacy giving:

A share of your estate

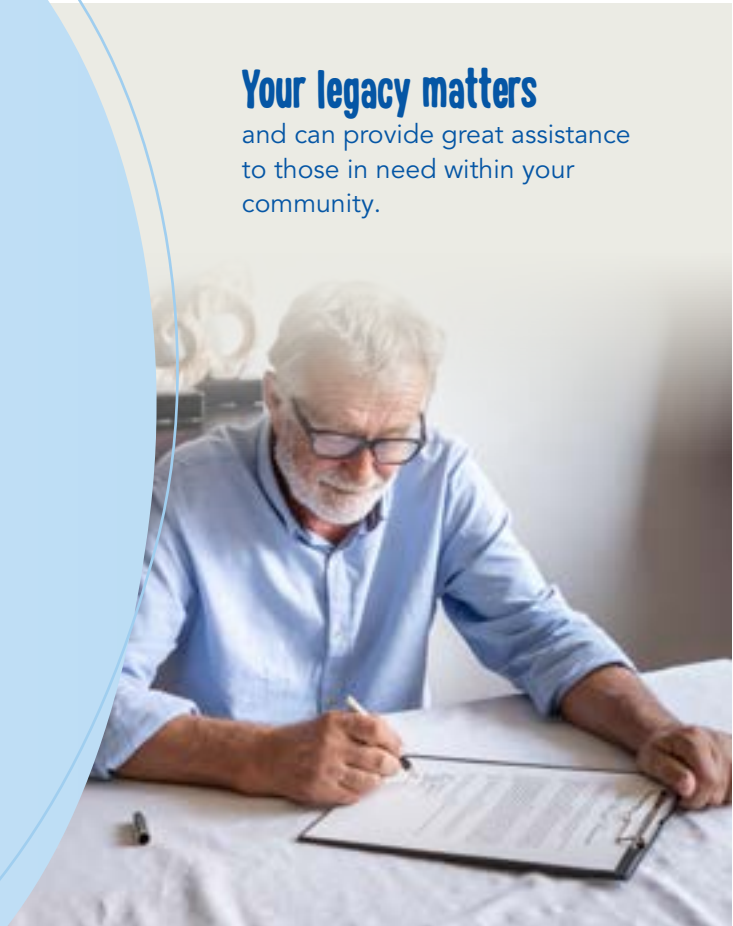
Once you have taken care of your loved ones, you can leave a share of, or the remainder of your estate to COPE Galway. This is how most supporters choose to leave a legacy, and is called a residuary gift.

A gift of money in your Will

You can choose to leave us a specific amount of money in your Will. This is called a pecuniary gift.

Your legacy matters

and can provide great assistance to those in need within your community.





Our Work

Together we can create a future where every person in Galway is valued, cared for, and supported throughout every stage of life.

Founded in the early 1960's the work of COPE Galway has grown over the years and now encompasses services for women and children experiencing domestic abuse, services to support older people to live in their own homes for as long as possible and services for people facing homelessness.

However, you choose to leave a gift in your Will, in our hands it will go a long way. You'll be leaving behind a wonderful legacy of a future in Galway where every member of our community is valued, cared for, and supported throughout every stage of life



"Ringing the Domestic Abuse Service was the beginning of a long road, it wasn't always easy but with the support I got I am able to say now that my life belongs to me."

Mary

Former Refuge Resident

"The Fairgreen helped me get my life back on track...It was tough in the beginning and it takes time, but now I have my own place to call home and I have started a course... Life is good."

John

Former Fairgreen Resident

"With all the help I got, I eventually got a place to live. I am now very happy and I will always keep in touch with Osterley Lodge."

Teresa

Former Osterley Lodge Resident

"I came to the Lunch Club and thought, 'Hey there's something going on here!' If I don't go, they ask after me. The staff has the best of humour, they have a heart of gold."

Patricia

Lunch Club attendee and volunteer

"The Lunch Club has given me a new lease of life. I have new friends. You can stop in for a lovely cup of tea and some biscuits. I'm living on my own and it has made a big difference. And there's never a bad day on the menu."

Arthur

Lunch Club attendee

Planning or updating your Will

Gifts in Wills come in all shapes and sizes, they needn't be large. It's up to you how much you wish to give.

It's something many of us avoid, but making a Will is worthwhile and the following 7 Steps could make it easier than you think.



7 Steps to planning a Will

1. Work out the value of your estate.

Make a list of your assets and estimate their value (for example your home, valuables, savings and investments). Then do the same with what you owe. Take the second away from the first, and you're left with what's called your total estate value.

2. Think about your legacy.

Think about who is important to you – family, friends and organisations, and what you might wish to leave them. Make sure you have their full names and addresses to hand when you write your Will.

To leave a gift to COPE Galway, you will need to include the following details in your Will when naming us as a beneficiary:

Official Charity Name: COPE Galway
(COPE Galway Company Limited by Guarantee)

Address: Calbro House, Tuam Road, Galway, Co Galway. H91 XR97

Charity Number: RCN 20011314

3. Choose Executors for your Will.

An Executor is someone who will help carry out the terms of your Will. Select a minimum of two reliable, trustworthy individuals, who will be named as executors in your Will and will be responsible for the administration of your estate.

4. Consider your final wishes.

It might seem daunting to think about your funeral and final wishes, but by making decisions now and documenting them in your Will, you can save your loved ones a lot of stress and uncertainty. For example, guardians may be appointed to care for children up to a certain age. It may also be appropriate to set up a trust to benefit or care for a family member(s) or support good causes at the discretion of trustees. It's also common to highlight funeral wishes, such as music preferences and donations in lieu of flowers.

5. Think about how you will write your Will.

We recommend that you contact a solicitor or use a professional legal service when making or updating your Will. If you have a relatively simple estate, you might want to start with Free Will Ireland's online Will making service. (More information on page 8)

6. Select two witnesses.

Two people are required to sign and witness your Will in the presence of each other. Witnesses must be independent and cannot be beneficiaries of the Will. An unwitnessed Will is not legal.

7. Keep your Will safe.

Most people like to leave one copy in the care of their solicitor or the executor of the Will, and keep their own copy in a safe place.



Write your Will online

Writing or amending your Will need not be difficult or expensive. In partnership with Free Will Ireland, COPE Galway offers a Free Will Service where you can create a simple Will, free of charge, using an online Will writing service. This will be suitable for many people, but for those with more complex estates it is generally recommended to use the services of a solicitor.



How it Works

1. Complete Form Online

Follow along with the quick and easy-to-use online form. This will guide you through the process of specifying executors, leaving gifts and defining a residuary clause.

2. Print Documents

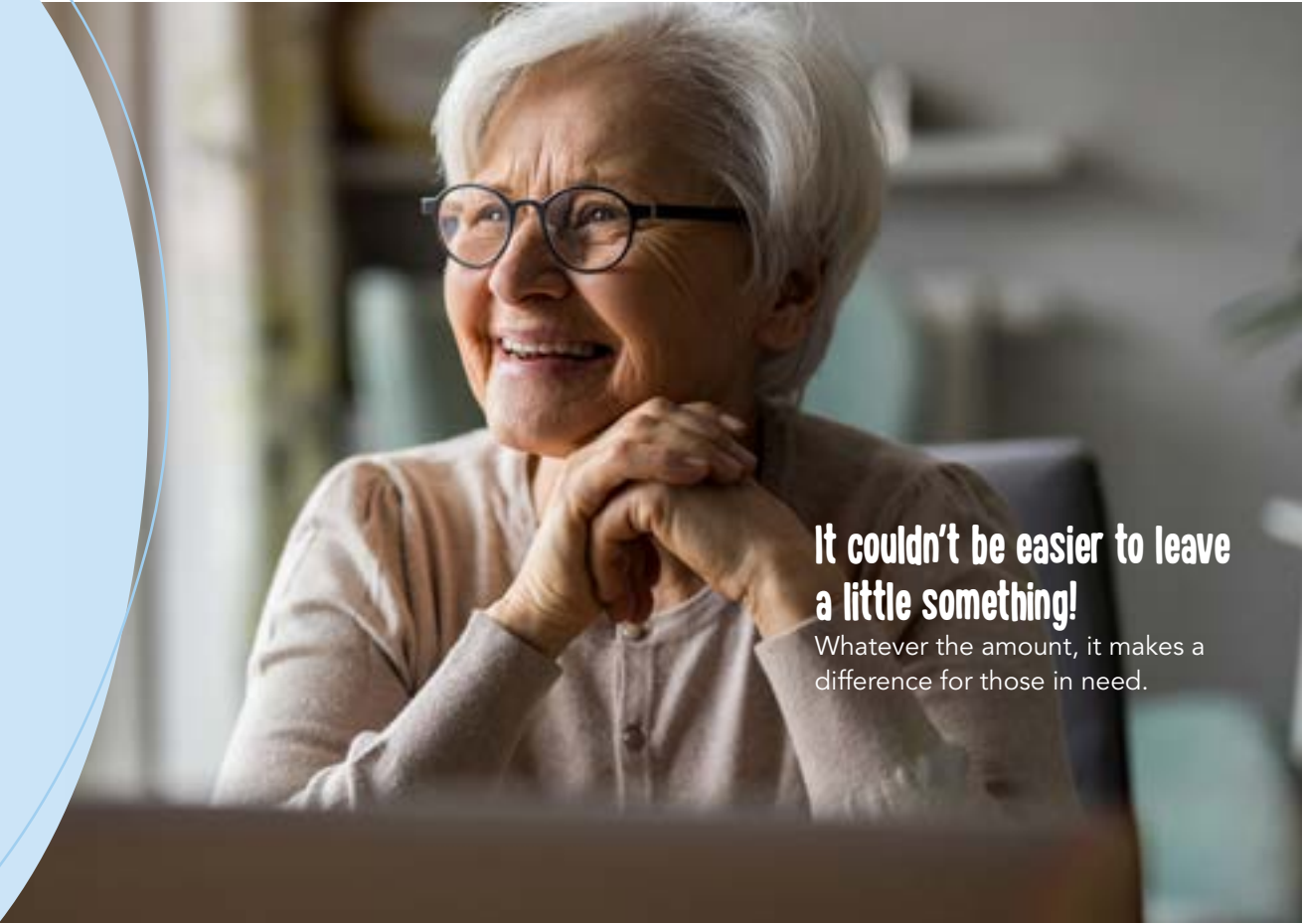
Your PDF documents will be available for immediate download and printing. You will also receive an email with copies of the documents for your future reference.

3. Witness Will

Once you sign the Will in the presence of two witnesses it becomes legally valid. Your witnesses don't need to see what is in the Will but do need to see you sign it.

To use this Free Will service:

Contact Lynia O'Brien at 091 778 750
or email legacies@copegalway.ie to receive your unique code to complete your free will.



**It couldn't be easier to leave
a little something!**

Whatever the amount, it makes a
difference for those in need.

**With your help, we can
make a difference in
people's lives!**



OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We'll always respect confidentiality and your right to privacy.

We respect your choice and will never put you under any pressure to leave a gift in your Will.

Family are often the closest people in our lives, and we know their needs will always come first.

We understand not everyone wishes to share details of a gift in their Will and respect everyone's right to privacy.

As a custodian of our supporters' donations, we use all gifts wisely and effectively.

We will do our best to uphold any wishes you have regarding your legacy gift.

Get in Touch

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your Will, don't hesitate to contact us.

If you have already included, or plan to include COPE Galway in your Will, then please consider letting us know. It will allow us to plan for the future and we would love the opportunity to thank you and keep you updated with the amazing work COPE Galway does.

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