



# IMPROVING LIVES CAN BE YOUR LEGACY



COPE Galway

Homelessness | Domestic Abuse | Senior Support



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## COPE Galway works to improve the lives of some of the most isolated people in our community.

Founded in the early 1970'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 homeless men and women.

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Empowering People | Creating Change | Strengthening Communities



## WHY MAKE A WILL?

Making a will is not something most of us like to think about. But it is important that we leave our affairs in order to cause our loved ones as little distress as possible. At some stage we will all require a will. Through your will you can ensure that your family is taken care of and that your assets go to your family and friends as you would wish. Naturally your loved ones should come first when making your will, but if you do wish to include a charity, please remember COPE Galway.

## HELP IMPROVE LIVES OF GALWAY PEOPLE

Your legacy can make a real and lasting difference in the lives of the people we support. You can leave your legacy to our general work, and we will use it where it is most needed at the time or you can leave your legacy to support a specific area of work – it is entirely up to you. It is only with continued support from people like you that we can continue to improve people's lives.

## WHERE TO START?

When making a will it is advisable to seek the professional help of a solicitor. They will draw up your will and advise you on the best way for you to divide your estate. They will be able to advise you on making a legacy to a charity and what is the best way that suits you, as there are numerous ways to bequeath money. Outlined below are the four most common.

**A Pecuniary Legacy** This is a gift of a specified amount of money. Time and inflation can reduce its value, it is therefore advisable to update it over time.

**A Specific Legacy** This is a gift of a specific item, such as property, jewellery or other valuables.

**A Residuary Legacy** This is the remainder of your estate after all your pecuniary and specific legacies have been decided on. By stating what you wish to do with the rest of your estate, you are leaving a residuary legacy.

**A Reversionary Legacy** This is a legacy in which a named person has access to the value of the estate, which only reverts to the charity on the death of that person. For instance, the will states that a friend is allowed to live in you.

## WORDING FOR YOUR WILL

**Suggested wording for various types of gifts are:**

### FOR A RESIDUARY BEQUEST:

I give to COPE Galway of Calbro House, Tuam Road, Galway, all (or a fraction) of the residue of my estate whatsoever and wheresoever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other officer for the time being of the said Organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge of the same.

### FOR A PECUNIARY BEQUEST:

I give the sum of €\_\_\_\_\_ or I bequeath (the item specified) to COPE Galway and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other officer for the time being of the said Organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge of the same.

Please remember to include our registered charity number RCN 20011314.

## CHANGING YOUR WILL

Even if you have already made a will, you can change it at any time during your life. If you wish to alter your will, and the changes are relatively straightforward – such as the addition of a charitable gift – you will need to add a codicil. This is a legally binding document that details the amendments to your will.

It is important to keep your will up to date. Events that may result in you wishing to change your will are listed below:

- Change in marital status
- Death of a beneficiary
- Birth of a child
- Moving house

It is a good idea to leave your will in a safe place, such as with your solicitor. You should keep a copy for yourself and inform your executor where the will is located.

# Pledge form

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Should you decide to leave a legacy to COPE Galway, it would help us plan for the future if you could let us know by using the pledge form below. All pledges will be treated with the utmost confidence and the pledge is not legally binding in any way. Whether you have made a legacy to COPE Galway or intend to remember COPE Galway in your will, please accept our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks.

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## I wish to support the work of COPE Galway in my will

I am making a gift of

Name

Address

Telephone

Please contact me with more information on how to leave a legacy to COPE Galway in my will

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Please contact me will more information on COPE Galway services

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# YOUR LEGACY CAN BE TO CHANGE LIVES

BELOW ARE TESTIMONIALS FROM INDIVIDUALS ABOUT HOW OUR WORK HAS CHANGED THEIR LIVES

***"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 – Osterley Lodge former resident

***"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

***"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

For more information about leaving a legacy to COPE Galway or the work we do, contact us at:

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