



THE LEARNED SOCIETY OF WALES
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Leave a legacy for learning in Wales



A guide to leaving a gift in your will
to the Learned Society of Wales

Message from the President



If we invest in learning today, we will reap the benefits tomorrow.

The Learned Society of Wales was founded in the belief that Wales possesses great talent across the world of learning. We celebrate that talent through our Fellowship, which numbers over 700 exceptional people as of 2025.

In turn, we use our Fellows' collective knowledge to promote research, provide expert advice, and inspire new generations of talent.

As a charity, donations are crucial to the Society's longevity. Legacy giving plays an important part in our work to address Wales's future challenges. Remembering us in your will helps us to continue our vital activities.

Thank you for taking the time to consider leaving a gift to the Society.

Professor Hywel Thomas

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The difference you can make

Leaving a gift in your will can help the Society continue to thrive as Wales's only national academy of learning.

Gifts of all sizes can help us to:

- **Grow our Fellowship:** encompass a more diverse range of experts in the sciences, humanities, arts and leaders in industry and public services
- **Grow our Early Careers Network in Wales:** to support researchers to share their work, collaborate and develop their skills
- **Expand our work:** celebrate researchers and advocate for Welsh research on a global stage
- **Strengthen our contributions to major policy solutions:** support independent advice and knowledge exchange

Leaving a legacy

If you are thinking about leaving a gift to the Society, it is your choice to decide how your gift will support learning in Wales.

Unrestricted gifts offer us the greatest flexibility to allocate your support carefully to an area of most need. If you are planning to leave a legacy for a specific purpose, we would be delighted to discuss this with you and to help with the wording of your will.

There are many ways to leave a gift in your will. You can give:

- A share of your estate (known as a residuary legacy)
- A fixed sum of money (a pecuniary legacy)
- Land, buildings or other possessions

If you have already made a will, it is very easy to make an addition (known as a codicil).

For estates greater than the inheritance tax threshold of £325,000, your estate will have the benefit of not paying 40% tax on your gift to the Society.

The 'Remember A Charity' website provides useful resources and links to further information which can help:

www.remembercharity.org.uk/leaving-a-gift

Legacy Pledge Form

We would like to thank you for considering leaving a gift to the Society. If you do intend to leave a legacy, we would be very grateful if you could let us know by completing this pledge form.

This helps us plan for the future and gives us an opportunity to thank you. Of course, such a pledge is not legally binding and we will keep all your information strictly confidential.

Please tick the appropriate box

- I have already included the Society in my will
- I intend to include the Society in my will
- I would like to discuss leaving a legacy to the Society – please contact me to discuss this
- I am not interested in leaving a legacy – please do not contact me about this in future

(If applicable) What type of bequest do you intend to make?

- Residuary legacy (% remainder of my estate)
- Pecuniary legacy (fixed sum of money)
- Land, buildings or other possessions

You may wish to give further details here:

If possible, please type directly onto this form, save as a PDF and email it to Olivia Harrison. **oharrison@lsw.wales.ac.uk**).

Alternatively, you can send a paper copy to:

Learned Society of Wales, The University Registry,
King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff CF10 3NS.

Contact details

Title:

Full name:

Address:

Postcode:

Country:

Email:

Phone:

Thank you for letting us know your intentions. Making a pledge is not binding and does not commit you to any action. We will treat the information you provide confidentially, and will store it on our secure database.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of leaving a legacy, please contact our **Chief Executive, Olivia Harrison:**

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