

This is my legacy to Wales...



***...what's yours
going to be?***

Why should I make a Will?

Making a Will is so important. It gives you the peace of mind that your loved ones are cared for and your wishes are met.

It also means you can make a huge difference to those needing help and support by leaving a gift to a charity.

We at Age Cymru believe that no one should spend later life feeling vulnerable and alone, and by remembering us in your Will you'll be making a positive difference to the lives of older people across Wales.

A legacy gift to Age Cymru will allow much needed funds to help those that struggle and are vulnerable, lonely and isolated, ensuring that, in the future, Wales will be a great place to live in later life.

By lobbying, campaigning and working with our local partners to deliver services, we make a real difference.

We provide hospital discharge and befriending services via our local partners. We also help by giving advice through our dedicated drop in centres and freephone advice line.

We make sure that the voice of the older person is heard by ensuring that advocacy for older people is part of the Welsh Government's Health and Social Services Bill; whatever the needs of older people in Wales the Age Cymru network works to provide the right service for the individual needs of the older person – but we need to do more.

Mrs Davies, Rhondda Cynon Taf



Names have been changed for privacy

“I visited the Age Cymru Advice service in Pontypridd to see if they could help me.

I was giving private tuition to try and make ends meet, but at 83 I found it tiring and as my mobility was getting worse I had to use a walker to support myself.

After talking to the advisor I was told that because of a number of medical conditions I had I would be entitled to claim benefits.

Age Cymru helped me to claim all my entitlements which made a huge difference to my life and meant that I wasn't constantly worried about money.

I'm sure there are thousands of people feeling like I was and worrying about money, but Age Cymru's face-to-face service was a tremendous support and I would encourage anyone to pop in and have a chat as it could change their life.”

How do I make a Will?

Making a Will is important. It isn't as difficult and expensive as most people think, but because it's a legal document it's strongly advisable to use a solicitor. Doing so will ensure that your Will is legally correct and that all your wishes can be carried out.

Amending your Will

It may be the case that you have already made a Will and you just want to update it. This is simply an addition or alteration to the existing Will so you can add extra gifts or alter the amounts being shared. You need a codicil form which can be supplied by your solicitor.

Making a Will for the first time? Here are some simple first steps:

- make a list of your assets and what you think their value is
- decide on who will benefit – people, organisations and/or charities
- choose your executors – these are the people you choose to make sure that your wishes are carried out
- choose a solicitor – remember to ask for the estimated cost of the work before you commit.

Mrs Price, Cardiff



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“Age Cymru’s HandyVan scheme came and put a carbon monoxide detector in for me in my kitchen. A few weeks after they called, the alarm started beeping. It beeped, and beeped and beeped and no matter what I did, I couldn’t get the alarm to stop beeping.

I called Age Cymru to tell them the carbon monoxide detector was faulty. Age Cymru told me to open my windows, to get out of the house and to contact my gas supplier.

They told me the alarm was ringing because I probably had a carbon monoxide leak in my home.

When the gas man called round, he condemned my boiler and confirmed it was leaking carbon monoxide.

I am so glad I rang Age Cymru – they saved my life.”

How do I leave a gift in my Will?

These are the main ways you can leave a gift in your Will.

Residuary bequest

A gift of what is left, or a proportion of it, after all the other specific gifts have been made from an estate.

Pecuniary bequest

The gift of a fixed sum of money in a Will.

Specific bequest

A gift of a particular named item in a Will such as a house, land, painting or jewellery.

We'd advise that if you want to leave a gift to Age Cymru, you should include our charity name in your Will along with our registered charity number.

Our charity name is **Age Cymru**, and our registered charity number is **1128436**.

Talk to us

We want you to be sure about the decision you have made to leave a gift in your Will.

If you have any queries please get in touch and we'll be happy to help.

Email legacy@agecymru.org.uk

Telephone **029 2043 1555**

or visit www.agecymru.org.uk/legacy



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“Without my Grandad I wouldn't be where I am today. We all owe a great deal to our older relatives, friends and neighbours, and I'm pleased to be able to support this appeal for legacy gifts to Age Cymru.”

Leigh Halfpenny

(Wales and British & Irish Lions)