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IN DYING.

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OTHERS WITH GREAT
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COMFORT.”**

NOEL CONWAY

SAVE THE DATE!

DIGNITY IN DYING AGM 2017.

Dignity in Dying's Annual
General Meeting on:

Thursday 29th June.

It will be taking place at:

**Conway Hall,
25 Red Lion Square,
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Please save the date in
your diary. We will be
sending invitations to
members soon.

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SARAH WOOTTON

Chief Executive

WELCOME.

This is a pivotal time for the
campaign, as Noel Conway
pursues his legal battle
against our unjust assisted
dying law.

Noel has shown immense bravery in
spending some of his final days
fighting in the courts for a more
compassionate law at the end of life.
As you are probably aware, Noel
was initially denied permission to
have his case heard, but with our
support, his legal team successfully
appealed this decision in April.
Noel's case will now proceed to a full
hearing in the High Court.

I would like to take this opportunity to
thank everyone who has donated to
Noel's legal costs through the
crowdfunding campaign, or donated
in response to Noel's letter. Taking
his case all the way to the Supreme
Court will cost a great deal - your
support made Noel's fight possible.

I am immensely grateful to Noel for taking this case and we are doing all we can to support him. Noel has already received many inspiring messages of support and we must all continue to stand with Noel at this critical time.

The shock announcement of a General Election provides us with the opportunity to ask prospective MPs what they think about Noel's case. Please make sure to write to your candidates and to attend local hustings to ask what they would do about our broken law. If you would like more information, please go to our website at **www.dignityindying.org.uk/elections**

Our local campaigning network continues to grow in strength. We now have 26 campaign groups and aim to have 40 groups in place by the end of 2017, targeting 200 constituencies. You, our members and activists, are key in keeping the public and MPs aware of how important law change is. Read about the recent successes of local campaigners on page 8.

I also want to thank everyone who helped to support Dignity in Dying's sister charity, Compassion in Dying, in response to my letter about the Make It Your Decision campaign at the beginning of the year.

Compassion in Dying provides information about your current legal rights at the end of life, and its information line is supporting more people than ever to ensure their healthcare wishes will be followed.

You can read about Make It Your Decision's impact on page 14.

I am pleased to introduce Ally Thomson as newly appointed Director of Scotland. Ally is working with the media and the public to push forward the assisted dying campaign with the Scottish Parliament, maximising the leverage of Scotland's credentials as a socially progressive nation.

Ally said, 'As a nation we have made strides in terms of promoting rights and choice in our health care and we've started to look at tackling inequalities more widely. But choice and control at the end of life – and the right to a good death – are still not where they should be.' Read an article by Ally on page 10.

Thank you for your support at such an important and exciting time.





Noel's journey to court for his permissions hearing

NOEL'S FIGHT FOR CHOICE.

BY DAVINA HEHIR

Noel Conway is a husband, a father, a keen linguist, a retired college lecturer and a former mountain climber. He is also a member of Dignity in Dying who has motor neurone disease and who wants choice at the end of life.

For many months now, Noel and his wife Carol have been working with Dignity in Dying to take a legal case challenging the law on assisted dying.

Noel, 67, from Shrewsbury, was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in November 2014. His condition is incurable and he is not expected to live beyond the next 12 months. Before his illness

Noel enjoyed hiking, cycling and travelling, but his deteriorating condition means that whilst he retains full mental capacity, his ability to move, dress, feed himself or deal with personal care independently has diminished considerably. Noel is also dependent on a ventilator to breathe overnight and much of the day, as his breathing muscles continue to weaken.

Noel fears that without a change in the law he may be forced to suffer against his wishes. He is bringing this case to fight for his right to have the option of an assisted death when he is in his final six months of life. Noel explains:

"I feel very strongly that it is a dying person's right to determine how they die and when they die. The current law denies me this right. Instead I am being condemned to suffering in my final months. I may die by suffocation or choking, or I could become completely unable to move or communicate. The only way for me to have some control is to refuse use of my ventilator, but there is no telling how long it would take for me to die, or whether my suffering could be managed. I am not prepared to spend the thousands of pounds needed for an assisted death abroad, nor do I want to travel far from home, away from all my loved ones – in any case I may no longer be well enough to travel.

“I'm going to die anyway. It's a question of whether I die with or without suffering and on my own terms or not. I'm bringing this case not just for me, but for all others facing terminal illness who want and deserve to have the option of a safe, dignified assisted death available to them in the UK.”

News of Noel's case launched on 6th January – Noel and Carol have received thousands of messages of support since then, showing once again that the public are hugely supportive of the need for a change in the law on assisted dying.

On 21st March Noel's case had its first stage in court where his legal team argued that his case should get permission to go to a full hearing in

the High Court, and the Ministry of Justice's legal team argued it should not. Disappointingly the case was not given permission to go ahead.

Noel, supported by Dignity in Dying and his legal team, was determined to fight on, and his determination was rewarded. On 12th April the Court of Appeal overturned the previous decision and granted Noel permission to have a full hearing of his case in court. Noel commented: "I am delighted that my case will now proceed to the next stage. Clearly the Court of Appeal has agreed that this is an issue deserving full and proper consideration and I look forward to a full hearing."

Sarah Wootton added: "We are indebted to Noel and his family for devoting their time and energy to this hugely important case. We now call on the courts to proceed as a matter of urgency."

At the time of going to print the dates for the full hearing of Noel's case have not been decided. We will be in touch with our members and supporters as the case progresses - we know you will want to support Noel every step of the way so that he and others like him can have choice and control at the end of life.

Visit our website supporting Noel's campaign: www.imwithnoel.co.uk

CROWDFUNDING FOR NOEL CONWAY'S LEGAL CASE.

BY ZACH MOSS

Noel Conway will spend some of his last days of life challenging the law on assisted dying. With the support of Dignity in Dying, he will ask the courts to declare that the blanket prohibition on assisted dying is contrary to his human rights.

Like you, Noel very strongly believes we should all have the right to determine how and when we die – so in support of his upcoming legal fight we launched a brand new online Crowdfunding appeal allowing supporters to contribute directly to Noel's legal fund.

The aim was to raise £30,000 towards Noel's legal costs (which are likely to be considerable) and amazingly we did this in under a week – we never thought we'd raise so much so quickly. We then moved towards a 'stretch goal' of £50,000 and an anonymous donor generously offered to double every donation received to the Crowdfunder for a limited time. We have been amazed by and are hugely grateful for the generosity people have shown.

People who donated were able to leave comments and many reflect a mix of feelings – but one theme is clear – gratitude.

“Noel my heart breaks that people have to go through this at such a hard time when the time you have left you should be spending with your family. I just want to thank you for all you are doing for our future.”
Karen

“Noel, we wish you every success in your fight for your ultimate human right. We're behind you all the way and our parents would have been too. Good luck with everything that lies ahead of you.”
Sue

“Hi Noel, very well done for taking on this fight - the more people like you who take this to the highest level, the more publicity there is and, slowly but surely, a change will come. My dad died of MND and would be cheering you all the way - stay strong and stick it to the man!”
Andrew

“Thank you so much Noel - you have put voice to my thoughts and feelings so wonderfully well. Hopefully, this judgment will help those of us who wish to have the right to choose a dignified end to our lives when and if the time comes.”
Judith

HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE ASSISTED DYING.

BY TOM DAVIES

On 6th March Peers spoke in a debate highlighting the advances in assisted dying legislation overseas. The debate asked whether the Government had made any assessment of the rapid pace of change and whether they felt that overseas advances formed a suitable basis for legislation in the UK.

Introducing the debate in the House of Lords, Baroness Jay of Paddington spoke of her long support for the assisted dying laws in other countries:

“This is a gentle and compassionate approach to dying which is working effectively and safely for the minority who make the choice.”

She spoke of how her work on two select committees had informed her support for the campaign, including visits to Oregon to examine how the law was working in practice:

“Now, in 2017, the North American experience shows that laws which closely resemble Bills that have been introduced in this House before can operate safely and successfully.”

There were speeches from both sides of the debate, though more supporters took part than opponents. One of those who spoke in support for a change in the law was Lord Carey of Clifton, the former Archbishop of Canterbury:

“As a Christian leader, although I acknowledge that I am out of step with my Church and mainstream Christian Churches, it is love and compassion together with personal autonomy that has led me to identify with this struggle.”

Lord Falconer of Thoroton, who introduced the last Assisted Dying Bill to the Lords in 2014, criticised the “arrogant lack of compassion” previously shown by the courts to people who suffer at the end of life. He compared this to Canada, where the Canadian Supreme Court had struck down their own broken laws on assisted dying:

“The time has come for this country to follow Canada, not with a great fuss or a great to-do, but to change the law to reflect what everybody wants: proper protection, but autonomy for people who want to die in the way they choose.”

BUILDING A MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE.

BY FRAN HALL

2017 is already shaping up to be the year of civic engagement and social justice campaigning. Those of you who've joined our local campaign movement know that positive change does not come about if we wait for someone else to do it. As a campaign we're very fortunate to have so many proactive people willing to put their head above the parapet and speak up for their rights and the rights of others.

A warm welcome to new campaign groups in Manchester, Brighton, Kent, Milton Keynes, Nottingham, Derbyshire, Warwickshire and Bournemouth who've all joined this year, bringing our total to 26 groups.

We have our first groups in the East Midlands and the West Midlands, meaning we now have local campaign group presence in all 9 regions of England, as well as Belfast- and Cardiff- based groups. We're also soon to be launching campaign groups in Scotland, following the appointment of Director for Scotland Alyson Thomson.

Campaigners have been persuading the public, engaging healthcare professionals, educating MPs and influencing the media up and down the country.

PERSUADING THE PUBLIC.

The office has turned into a production line as I've been packing up boxes of leaflets and posters and shipping them to all corners of the UK. Oxford and North London have been staffing stalls at local events, while Eastbourne attracted over 50 to their event, and Leeds and Exeter have speaking events and



Oxford group's successful stand at a local event

film screenings coming up. Group members have been going to other organisations too, with Paul, the Isle of Wight leader, persuading 26 out of 30 people at a local organisation to support the campaign, while Carmen from North London spoke to 80 young people at a local secondary school.

ENGAGING LOCAL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS.

Pauline from Bath & Bristol has been leading the charge here – getting a place at the Bath & North East Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group's Strategic End of Life Care meeting to update them on Noel Conway's case, Compassion in Dying's *Make It Your Decision* campaign, and show them Desmond Tutu's video of support. We're encouraging more members of Healthcare Professionals for Assisted Dying to link up with local groups to provide support in this area.

EDUCATING MPS.

Groups in Portsmouth, Eastbourne, South Devon and Liverpool have met with their local representatives on fact-finding missions. The results have been hugely positive as local campaigners have been armed with facts and counter arguments to ensure that MPs are better educated on safeguards, understand Noel Conway's case, and that they appreciate the reality many dying people face.

INFLUENCING THE MEDIA

Lots of our new groups have been hitting the press before they've even been established! Emma from Portsmouth, Tim from Nottingham, Alva from Derbyshire and Rachel from Warwickshire are now local celebrities who bravely shared their very personal reasons for supporting the campaign to help raise awareness.

NEW PRIZE FOR COMMITTED CAMPAIGNERS.

A huge thanks once again to every single one of you for your efforts. At this year's AGM we'll be awarding the inaugural **Romey Brown Memorial Prize** to one of our most committed local campaigners.

Romey was a supporter and campaigner for over 20 years. She was an inveterate networker on our behalf, and Romey was a Patron for several years. Romey firmly believed that the law on assisted dying needed to change, and her passion for this, and commitment to the campaign were inspirational.

If you'd like to become a local campaigner, either to join an existing group or to set one up in your area, please do get in touch with me, Fran Hall:

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The Scottish
Parliament

THE RIGHT TO A GOOD DEATH – WHY SCOTLAND SHOULD LEAD THE WAY.

BY ALLY THOMSON, DIRECTOR FOR SCOTLAND

Growing up in Scotland thirty years ago I would never have imagined that one day I'd be talking up its socially progressive credibility. Today I often, and proudly, do. I tell others about how we welcome and value the contributions of people fleeing conflict and seeking sanctuary, our repeal of Section 28 and introduction of equal marriage, the ways in which we have stood firmly against the bedroom tax and punitive benefits sanctions. I raise our record on challenging inequality, our beliefs and actions regarding the protection and promotion of human rights. Lots done – for sure. Lots more to do – absolutely.

Once in a generation a controversy arises on an ethical or political issue in which strong pressure for change is met by strong resistance. Examples have been the abolition of the slave trade and then slavery itself, the extension of voting rights, the legalisation of homosexuality and abortion. It has sometimes taken decades for these issues to be resolved. Many of them share a common theme – the extension of liberty and choice (responsibly exercised), and rejection of the right of the state or church to make decisions on an individual's behalf. I believe that in order for us to fully realise Scotland as a rights-respecting, compassionate country, we need to take action now to give dying people the choice to

end their suffering. For me, assisted dying is the most socially progressive issue of our time.

As the newly appointed Director for Scotland at Dignity in Dying, my focus will be to work with others such as Humanist Society Scotland and Friends at the End to drive forward the case for a change in the law to allow assisted dying as an option for terminally ill, mentally competent adults in their final months of life.

With 82% of the UK public supporting the choice of assisted dying for terminally ill adults, it is clear that one day we will realise our aim. Until then many people will continue to suffer needlessly, and many more will watch their loved family members and friends die in intolerable ways.

In Scotland we need to take action now to ensure that our compassionate values, our policies on person-centred care throughout and at the end of life, our belief that human rights are for everyone, are always realised. We need to change the law.

We know a change in the law would not result in more people dying. It would ensure fewer people suffer at the end of their lives, including people like Noel Conway, who is bravely leading the fight in the courts in England and Wales.

In order to make sure that people in Scotland, suffering like Noel and his family, have their wishes fulfilled, we need to take the campaign for a safeguarded compassionate death

with dignity to those who can make a change – people in Scotland, the courts and the Scottish Parliament.

We need to show those who can make a change how serious we are about ending suffering. We know we have public support – we need to show the force of that support to our MSPs. We need to enable and empower them to be braver and more compassionate than they have been before when considering assisted dying. We need to encourage them to look to other jurisdictions where a safeguarded law works well, and to take action to give the same right to die with dignity to terminally ill people in Scotland who are suffering.

As a nation we have been at the forefront of progressive social change. We need to be there once more.

To find out more about taking part in the campaign in Scotland please contact Fran Hall:

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We have also recently launched an online petition, if you are resident in Scotland email your MSP to tell them you support the choice of assisted dying:

www.bit.ly/email-MSP



NEWS ROUNDUP.

BY LLOYD RILEY

TWO DECADES OF A SUCCESSFUL ASSISTED DYING LAW IN OREGON.

Another year has passed in Oregon and another report has been published proving assisted dying laws work exactly as intended.

In 2016, 133 people were assisted to die in Oregon, consistent with the 135 people who were assisted in 2015. This brings the total number of assisted deaths in Oregon over the last 20 years to 1,127, just 0.19% of the total number of deaths.

Those opposed to a change in the law have largely ignored the latest figures from Oregon. Instead they continue to assert hypothetical fears about 'slippery slopes' and

potential abuses. But the growing mountain of evidence of safe practice from overseas renders these claims void.

For example, the latest report shows that no cases were referred to the Oregon Medical Board for failure to comply with the law's robust safeguards.

Additionally, the overwhelming majority (90%) of people who complete a request for assisted dying in Oregon are enrolled in hospice care. This disproves speculation that legalisation of assisted dying will somehow undermine the development of end-of-life care.

Indeed a recent article published in the New England Journal of Medicine outlined the high quality end-of-life care being provided in Oregon, which includes greater hospice use and greater awareness of advance care planning compared with other US States.

It's worth remembering that the Oregon Hospice Association, once opposed to assisted dying, also now

recognises that law change has increased the quantity and quality of conversations around death and dying. Assisted dying and end-of-life care go hand in hand.

The end-of-life concerns most frequently cited by those who have an assisted death are loss of autonomy, being less able to engage in activities that make life enjoyable and loss of dignity. These concerns reflect individuals' own judgements of the nature of their suffering. Nobody has the right to determine that these concerns are invalid or that they provide justification to talk somebody out of a request for assisted dying.

In Oregon dying people are empowered to decide for themselves how and when they die – they are the only people qualified to make such decisions. This is what person-centred care looks like.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

WASHINGTON DC

The Council of Washington DC, the US capital, voted to legalise assisted dying in December 2016, by 11 votes to 2. Congress, which oversees Federal law in the US, then had 30 days to veto legislation but chose not to, despite pressure to do so from those opposed to assisted dying. It speaks volumes for the value placed upon patient choice when even in the midst of an unprecedented period of instability in American politics, members of Congress refused to turn this issue into a political pawn.

The law came into effect in Washington DC on 28 February, bringing the total to 58 million Americans who have access to assisted dying in Oregon, Washington State, Vermont, Montana, California, Colorado and Washington DC.

GERMANY

In March Germany's Federal Administrative Court made a ruling in support of a patient's right to control their death using prescribed medication.

The court recognised a right to self-determination for incurably ill, mentally competent adults under German constitutional law. In theory, the ruling means that in extreme situations the state cannot deny an individual access to medication that would allow a painless death. However, it remains unclear whether or how this decision will be implemented in practice, as several other elements of the law in Germany make it illegal to provide assistance to an individual to end their life.

Further legal cases are due to be considered in Germany's Federal Constitutional Court later this year. DGHS, an organisation campaigning for end-of-life choice in Germany, welcomed the decision but also emphasised the need for a clear law which would enable people to get assistance from doctors in a safe and transparent way.

MAKE IT YOUR DECISION.

BY JENNIFER NOEL

**COMPASSION
IN DYING.**
SUPPORTING YOUR CHOICES

On 8th February Compassion in Dying launched our new campaign *Make It Your Decision* - the first of its kind to inform people how to plan ahead for their treatment and care and make their wishes known.

The campaign encouraged people to:

- **think** about their wishes
- **write** them down in a legally binding way
- **share** them with their loved ones, their GP and anyone else involved in their care.

THE CAMPAIGN.

To launch the campaign we created an animation highlighting this importance of making an Advance Decision. We launched a new website, posters and postcards to explain how to plan ahead.

These resources were sent to every GP surgery in the UK, to encourage healthcare professionals to talk to people about their wishes. They were sent to Dignity in Dying supporters, to display in their



window, local library or community centre to help share the campaign's message that

"anyone could be involved in an accident, which could leave you in a vegetative or minimally conscious state. If you feel you would not want this then you should make an Advance Decision".

Since its launch in February, *Make It Your Decision* has helped hundreds of people to plan ahead. The campaign has been featured on national and regional TV and radio, and has reached thousands of people through social media.

Make It Your Decision now has over 21 campaign partners including the Royal Society of Medicine, The Royal Society for Public Health, The Resuscitation Council and the Gold Standards Framework. It has also been supported and promoted by over 100 organisations on social media including Parkinson's UK, Cancer Research UK and Motor Neurone Disease Association.

The resources have been extremely popular, particularly with health and social care professionals, and we have sent out over 3,500 additional posters and postcards. We have also seen a large increase in the amount of people using our free Information Line.



MAKE IT
YOUR DECISION

HAVE YOU MADE IT YOUR DECISION?

Importantly, *Make It Your Decision* is educating people about their rights to plan ahead. It explains that there are things people can do now, and we are here to help. Remember:

- What you **do** want, goes in an Advance Statement
- What you **do not** want, goes in an Advance Decision
- To appoint someone else to decide, use a Lasting Power of Attorney for Health & Welfare

Having your wishes for care and treatment set out in advance means that if you become unable to make your own decisions, you can have peace of mind that your wishes will be known and followed. Your family won't be left stranded. Your doctors won't be left to make decisions without knowing what you would or would not have wanted. Quite the opposite – by recording your wishes in a legally binding way, you can *make it your decision*.

Visit

www.makeityourdecision.org.uk to view Compassion in Dying's new animation, learn more about the campaign and order resources. Specialist information and support about planning ahead is available via our free Information Line at **0800 999 2434** or www.compassionindying.org.uk.

MILES' STORY.

Lu Spinney and her family have shared the story of Miles' snowboarding accident in support of the *Make It Your Decision* campaign.

At 29, Miles was a fit, energetic young man with a promising future stretching out ahead of him. He was "bold and adventurous", someone who "lived his life with vigour and joy, but most importantly on his own terms", says his sister Claudia.

In March 2006, however, a snowboarding accident brought his plans to a halt, leaving him in a minimally-conscious state. His family were devastated and determined to support his recovery in any way possible.

Over time, it became apparent that any meaningful improvement in Miles' condition was unlikely. His family knew he would not have wanted to be kept alive in this state. But without having recorded this, Miles' wishes could not be respected.

"Like others his age, my son felt invincible – he hadn't yet thought it necessary to make a will or plan his pension, let alone complete an Advance Decision. If he had, his doctors could have followed his wishes," explains Miles' mother, Lu Spinney.

Instead, Miles remained for five years in "a nightmare limbo world in which he endured terrible pain, shattered consciousness, and the inability to control any aspect of a life that no longer held any meaning for him", says his brother Will.

Miles' family have told his story in support of *Make It Your Decision*, urging people to record their future treatment wishes in order to avoid more tragedies like theirs.

"If only Miles had known about Advance Decisions", says his sister Marina.

"We could do nothing to help him out of a situation we know he would have done anything to avoid. I have since completed one myself and urged all my friends and loved ones to do the same."

Will adds, "Accidents and illness aren't just something that happen to other people. They can happen to anyone, at any age, no matter how invincible you may feel, and an Advance Decision is the only way to make sure you're in control if they happen to you."

Lu has written about Miles' story in Beyond the High Blue Air, available from Atlantic Books, £8.99

To make an Advance Decision online go to www.mydecisions.org.uk or to order a paper form call Compassion in Dying on **0800 999 2434**.

HAVE YOU MADE AN ADVANCE DECISION (LIVING WILL)?

If the answer is yes - it is a good idea to update your Advance Decision regularly, even if your health is stable. If you lose capacity and your Advance Decision was updated in the last two years, the doctor treating you can be more confident that what you have said in your Advance Decision is still what you want.



You might want to review your Advance Decision if:

- you have been diagnosed with an illness or your health has changed
- you are going into hospital for serious treatment or surgery
- you have an old Living Will, or an Advance Decision made before 2007
- you have changed your mind about anything within your Advance Decision
- you have not reviewed your Advance Decision for two years.

To review your Advance Decision you should read through the form and consider if it still reflects your wishes or if you would like to make any changes. If you are happy with your Advance Decision you can re-sign and date your form next to the phrase "I have reviewed my Advance Decision and it still reflects my wishes" (Compassion in Dying's form has a space on the front to do this). You should then share your reviewed form with your loved ones, GP, and anyone involved with your care.



If you would like to make any changes to your Advance Decision then contact Compassion in Dying.

If you haven't completed an Advance Decision and would like to, you can do this online at www.mydecisions.org.uk or call Compassion in Dying on **0800 999 2434** to be sent a form in the post.



READY. SET. PLAN.

On the 6th May our very own Zach, Jen and friends are running a half marathon of mud and 20 obstacles. The 13-mile assault course called Tough Mudder will take them around four hours to complete and will push them to their limits!

They've chosen to run this because they believe in the work that Compassion in Dying do and want to raise awareness and spread the word that help is available for everyone to plan ahead. They've chosen the team name Ready. Set. Plan.

The Tough Mudder is also an opportunity to raise money for Compassion in Dying's free Information Line – an invaluable service through which they provide information and support to people to plan ahead to ensure their wishes for treatment and care will be respected.



As Tough Mudder explains: "with no podiums, winners, or clocks to race against, Tough Mudder isn't about how fast you can cross the finish line. It's about pushing yourself. It's about teamwork, camaraderie, and accomplishing something extraordinary."

You can support team Ready. Set. Plan. and help Compassion in Dying help others by donating at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/compassionindying-toughmudder. Anything you give will support the important work that Compassion in Dying do.

If you would like further information, or to donate to the team over the phone please contact Compassion in Dying on **0800 999 2434**.

A NEW WAY TO WRITE YOUR WILL FOR FREE.

Each year the campaign relies on people remembering Dignity in Dying in their Will to help deliver the high-impact campaigns needed to convince Parliament of the need for change on assisted dying. Any gift, large or small, makes the campaign stronger.

Now, Dignity in Dying supporters can make a Will for free online. We've teamed up with Farewill to offer a free digital Will writing service. It's

an easy process which guides you through the stages of creating a Will. The website produces a custom Will, checked by a specialist that you can print out yourself along with instructions on how to sign it and have it witnessed.

A LASTING LEGACY.

Writing or updating your Will is an incredibly personal matter. It is important that you take time to consider what you feel it is important to include and that you feel comfortable that your wishes are in place and will be followed. Once you are sure that is in place, you may like to make a gift to support the campaign for Dignity in Dying.

By leaving a gift in your Will to Dignity in Dying you will help to ensure that the campaign continues to flourish. These gifts are often used to fund new campaigns and projects to help change the law, such as developing our local campaigning network – a vital new initiative that will put pressure on MPs.

To create a Will for free online visit www.farewill.com and use the code [dignityindying](https://www.dignityindying.org.uk)

To learn more about making your Will, please visit our website or contact our office. We can provide a legacy pack, arrange for you to have a free Will created by a local solicitor, or discuss creating your free Will online if you require further information.

www.dignityindying.org.uk/take-action/gift-will/

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