

## **Leaving a gift in your Will**

We recognise that making a Will is an intensely personal and private matter, and naturally your first consideration will be to make proper provision for the future in the most tax-efficient way possible.

Once you are sure that is in place, you may like to make a special bequest to support the campaign for Dignity in Dying

### **Types of Legacies**

The five standard types of legacy are described below. Your solicitor or financial advisor will be able to advise you on how best to make or alter your Will to include a legacy to Dignity in Dying.

**Residuary Legacy** – a percentage of the residue of your estate, after the deduction of specific and pecuniary gifts, debts, taxes and costs.

**Pecuniary Legacy** – a specific sum of money.

**Specific Bequest** – a gift such as property, stocks or shares.

**Conditional Legacy** – this addresses the possibility that if none of your named dependants survive you, your estate (or part of it) will be left to Dignity in Dying

**Reversionary Legacy** – a gift that passes to Dignity in Dying only after the death of a spouse or relative.

***Professional legal advice is always recommended when you are drawing up or changing your Will.***

Some wording that may be useful for leaving a gift in your Will to Dignity in Dying can be found below:

### **Pecuniary bequest**

“I give to Dignity in Dying of 181 Oxford Street, London W1D 2JT the sum of £..... for the general purposes of the organisation and declare that the receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer for the time being of the said organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.”

## **Residuary bequest**

“I give the whole (or ....%) to Dignity in Dying of 181 Oxford Street, London W1D 2JT for the general purposes of the organisation and declare that the receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer for the time being of the said organisation shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors.”

## **Codicil**

If you have already made a Will and wish to add a bequest to Dignity in Dying, this can be achieved by adding a **Codicil** to your existing Will. You should sign the Codicil before two adult witnesses (who are not beneficiaries of the Will) who will also sign. The Codicil should be kept with your Will but **not** attached with pins or staples, as this would invalidate it.

A Codicil form can be downloaded here:

<https://www.dignityindying.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Codicil-Form.pdf>

## **Our details**

Dignity in Dying is not a charity, we are a not for profit membership organisation and a company limited by guarantee:

Dignity and Choice in Dying: Company Limited by Guarantee, registered in England & Wales no. 4452809 trading as “Dignity in Dying”.

## **Contact us**

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