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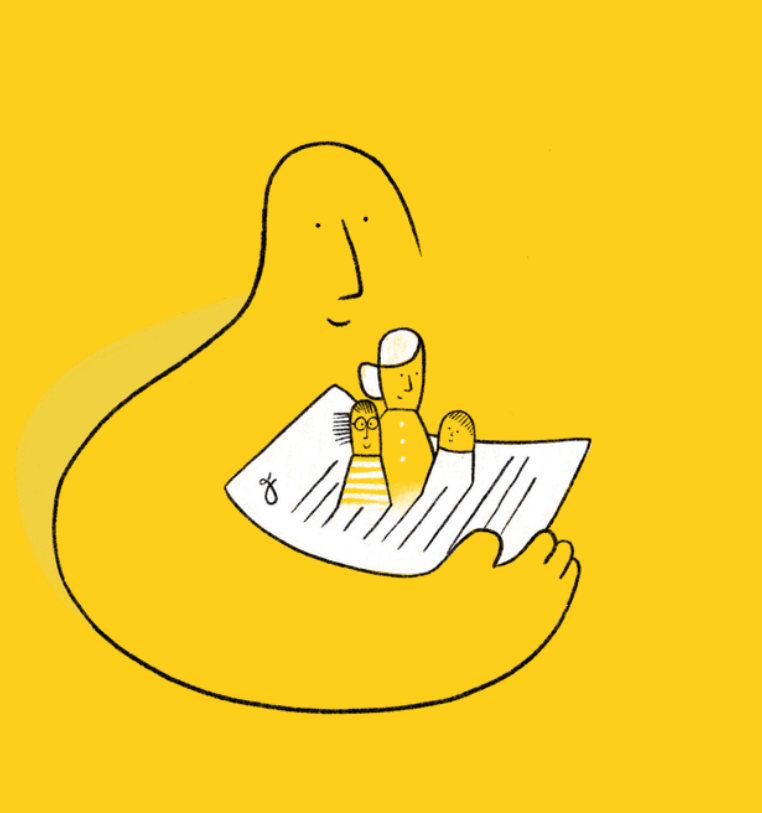
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Your Legacy, Their Lifeline.

A guide to leaving a gift
to NYAS in your will.



Thank you for thinking of leaving a gift to NYAS in your will.

We know that including NYAS in your will is a big decision, and that family and loved ones come first. All gifts make a huge difference. Many of us are lucky enough to have lives full of friendship, love and kindness. We have people to listen to us, support us and celebrate special moments with us. A gift in your will could ensure that the next generation of young people's lives are filled with moments like this too. Leaving a gift in your will helps us to continue providing long-term support for future generations of young people.



Registered Charity No: 1004005 (England & Wales)

The difference we can make

Your support enables us to respond to the growing needs of young people in care, through our vital services:

Making Magical Memories for Children in Care

By leaving a gift in your will, you could be helping to support our volunteer befriending service (Independent Visitor Service).

Additional funds are used to provide exciting opportunities for children in care that they would not otherwise be able to experience; a trip to Lapland, watching a rugby match, etc.

A Listening Ear

Our [Helpline](#) provides a listening ear, offering confidential advocacy support, signposting, guidance and referrals. Every year our helpline receives over 10,000 contacts via calls, emails, WhatsApp messages, and webchat conversations.

Feedback from callers showed that 100% felt listened to and every child who needs advocacy is assigned an advocate within 24 hours of first getting in touch with the service.



Thank you so much, you are a lifesaver. Out of everyone, no one else has helped me as much as you, not even my social worker. No one had told me my rights before, but you've explained things in a way I can understand.

- Young person supported by Helpline.

Centering young people's voices

NYAS's legal team ensure children's voices are central in family proceedings, often transforming outcomes for both children and parents. We have a variety of projects making a real difference for young people across England and Wales:

- **Side-by-Side** – supporting young people as they “age out” of care at 18, preventing isolation and homelessness by matching them with trained volunteer mentors. “If I had access to the SIDE-BY-SIDE programme when I left care, I know my life would be very different now”. Young Care Leaver
- **Project Unity** – expanding across England a proven programme that aims to break the intergenerational cycle in which babies of care-experienced mothers are at heightened risk of entering care. One young mother said: “I realised I could play a part in society and my voice mattered. Without Project Unity I would never have known that.”
- **Youth Participation & Leadership** – empowering young people to shape the systems they rely on, driving change rooted in lived experience. One of our participation group members said: “We all face different challenges. Together we can make things better.”

At the heart of all these programmes is the same simple idea: a champion by a young person's side.

These services are made possible by supporters who believe every child deserves to be heard, especially when the systems around them are overstretched.

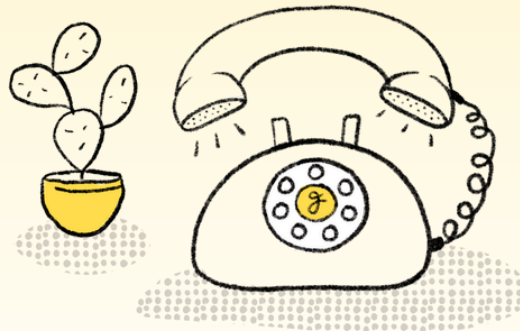
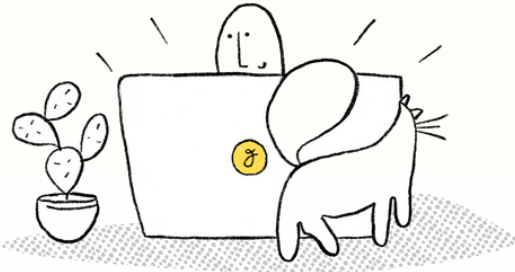
A will is a very personal thing. Choose what feels right for you...

NYAS can support you with every step of the process, whether you prefer to write your will online, over the phone, or with guidance if you choose to write your will in person.

Write your will online

You can write your will online for free through our trusted partner, Farewill. Their simple, secure service guides you through each step at your own pace, making it easy to create a legally binding will from the comfort of your home. It's a straightforward way to put your wishes in place.

Simply click here or email a member of the team at fundraising@nyas.net for the link to complete your will online.



Write your will over the phone

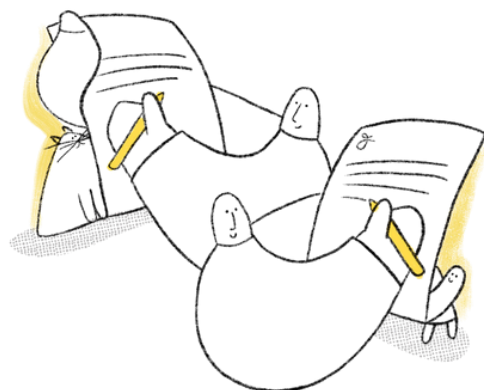
If you'd prefer to speak to someone directly, you can also write your will over the phone with Farewill. Their specialist will writing team will guide you through the process step by step, making sure your wishes are clearly recorded and legally sound. It's a supportive, personal way to put your plans in place.

Click here to get started on your phone will.

Please note that free online and telephone wills are limited, and they are currently offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If your estate is more complex or you need additional clauses included in your will, Farewill may need to apply a flat fee of £200 which would be added to the final price of your will. If you're unsure whether you need a simple or more detailed will, the Farewill team will be able to guide you during the process.

Write your will in-person

It may be the right fit for you to choose to write your will with a local or trusted solicitor rather than use our free will partnership option. This can be a reassuring option if you'd like more personalised legal advice or have more complex wishes to record. Your solicitor can easily help you include a gift to NYAS if you decide to support our work in this way.



Steps for leaving a gift in your will.

Use a solicitor or professional will writing service.

You can write your will via Farewill at NYAS's link. You can find solicitors in your area who specialise in wills, probate law and tax law on the [Law Society website](#).

Work out the value of your estate

Make sure you include property, investments and any debts.

Choose your beneficiaries

These are the people or charities you would like to include in your will. Many supporters choose to leave a share of their estate to NYAS as this type of gift won't lose its value over time. This is called a Residuary gift. Other options include a Pecuniary gift (specific sum of money) or a Specific gift (includes items like jewellery).

To leave a gift to NYAS in your will...

you should ask your solicitor to include the National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) in the list of bequests in your Will. The essential information you will need is as follows:

Charity's Full Name: The National Youth Advocacy Service

Address: Units 1-4 Priory Mews, Monks Ferry, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 5AZ

Registered charity number: 1012485

Already written a will, but want to add a gift to NYAS?

If you already have a will in place, you don't necessarily need to rewrite the entire document to include a gift to NYAS. In many cases, you can use a codicil - a short legal document that makes a simple amendment to your existing will. A codicil allows you to add, remove, or update specific instructions, such as including a charitable gift, while leaving the rest of your will unchanged. It must be signed and witnessed in the same way as your original will to be legally valid. Please speak to a member of the fundraising team if you would like a copy of a codicil emailing to you.

If you have included a gift to NYAS in your will, we'd love to hear from you to thank you for your support. You can get in touch by emailing the team at fundraising@nyas.net.

But that's entirely your decision – we do not need to know.

Did you know...

that leaving a gift to NYAS in your will may offer valuable tax benefits? Gifts to registered charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax, and if you leave 10% or more of your net estate to charity, the tax rate on the rest of your estate can be reduced from 40% to 36%. This means your loved ones may benefit as well as the causes you choose to support.

For more information please see the [UK Government website](#).

Disclaimer: We are here to guide you through the legacy-giving process and offer general information to help you consider leaving a gift in your will. However, we are not financial advisors or legal professionals, and we cannot provide financial planning advice or legal guidance on will writing. We strongly recommend that you seek independent legal or financial advice to ensure your wishes are accurately reflected and your personal circumstances are fully considered.



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