

## Leaving a Legacy in Ireland

### Inspire a better-built environment for everyone.

Established in 2005, the Irish Architecture Foundation is an independent organisation dedicated to the promotion of architecture as culture. We encourage people to engage with their built environment, to inspire new ways of thinking about architecture. Through a dynamic programme of activity, we inspire people to understand and shape their world.

We truly believe architecture has the power to improve the way we live and how we think about our built environment. By bringing people together from diverse backgrounds and disciplines, we can create a more inclusive conversation that will inspire a better-built environment for everyone.

In a few short years, we have situated architecture firmly within the cultural context, popularized it through Open House Dublin, inspired young minds through our schools programme, encouraged people to think differently about their cities and towns, and enhanced the practice of architecture through mutually beneficial exchanges between architects and the public.

The Irish Architecture Foundation operates through the voluntary effort of its board and a small, highly-qualified professional staff. Legacies left by our supporters can help us to plan for the future and ensure we can scale the impact of our programmes.

A legacy to the Irish Architecture Foundation is tax-free in Ireland (if you are an Irish tax payer), since a bequest to a charity is not liable to inheritance tax. Allowing the Foundation some discretion over how your legacy is allocated will ensure it supports the Foundation's long-term operational costs. However, if you want your legacy to support a particular programme, it can be specified.

### Arranging a Legacy

We recommend you consult your financial advisor when you are drawing up a will for the first time, or changing your will. If required, we would be pleased to assist your financial advisor.

There are two kinds of legacy you can leave in your will. In both cases, the bequest is made to the Irish Architecture Foundation, an approved body for Education in the Arts under Section 848a of the Taxes Consolidation Act (1997), charity reference no. CHY 18069.

1. **Pecuniary bequest:** a pecuniary bequest is leaving a fixed sum of money, or specific possession (such as property, land or shares) to the Irish Architecture Foundation. This suggested wording can be used in your will:

*"I give the sum of [€ XXX] OR I bequeath [the specific possession] to the Irish Architecture Foundation of 15 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin 1. It is my wish that this bequest will be used to support the general purposes of the Irish Architecture Foundation (Irish charity ref. no. CHY 18069)."*

OR

*"It is my wish that this bequest will be used to support [the specific project or other specific purpose]. I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the said Foundation shall be sufficient discharge to my executors".*

2. **Residuary bequest:** after you have made specific provision for family and friends in your will, you can leave the remainder of your estate (or a share of the remainder) to the Irish Architecture Foundation. This suggested wording can be used in your will:

*"I give to the Irish Georgian Foundation of 15 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin 1 [all the residue of my estate] OR [a Xth share of the residue of my estate]. It is my wish that this bequest will be used to support the general purposes of the Irish Architecture Foundation (Irish charity ref. no. CHY 18069)."*

OR

*"It is my wish that this bequest will be used to support [the specific programme or other specific purpose]. I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the said Foundation shall be sufficient discharge to my executors".*

**Adding a codicil:** if you have already made a will, you can add a codicil to include additional bequests.

## Help us to plan for the future

Each person leaving a legacy to a charity is making an investment in the future of a worthwhile cause, and the continuation of its good work. Legacies support the on-going financial security of most charities, including the Irish Architecture Foundation. By giving us notice of your intentions, we can ensure bequests made to the Foundation are acknowledged in the appropriate manner.

If you have arranged a legacy to the Irish Architecture Foundation in your will, or you are thinking of doing so, it will help the Foundation greatly if you can contact us to tell us of your intentions. While your undertaking is not legally binding, it enables the Foundation to plan ahead if we know what funds may become available in the future.

We hope that you will think of including the Irish Architecture Foundation in your will and we will ensure that your legacy is put to a good productive use.

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**Thank you for thinking of the Irish Architecture Foundation in your will.**

For more information please contact:

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