

Having a Will provides peace of mind

Take control

Having an up-to-date Will gives you control over what will happen to your money and belongings. It provides an opportunity to take care of loved ones and to make it clear exactly how you want everything to be distributed

Should you not have a Will, you risk your estate being distributed according to the intestacy laws, which can have unforeseen and sometimes unfortunate, even distressing results.

Without a Will, you can't be sure that you partner will inherit everything – indeed, people who are unmarried may not receive anything from their partner's estate.



Keep it legal

The Free Wills Month charities believe that it is best to ask a solicitor to write (or update) your Will because a Will is a legal document using words with legal implications. All of the solicitors taking part in Free Wills Month are Will-writing specialists.

Remember a charity

Leaving a gift in your Will may be the largest gift you can make to charity – and at no cost to you in your lifetime. All the Free Wills Month charities will be able to develop their essential services in the future for those most in need thanks to your support.

The Free Wills Month charities cover a wide range of the nation's favourite causes. We hope you will feel able to support some of them when you make your Will.

Thank you.

How to take part in Free Wills Month Ireland

To take up this limited offer, contact a participating solicitor between 1 – 30 April 2009.

To find a participating solicitor please:

- Visit our website - www.freewillsireland.com
- Telephone 766 060 003
- Look out for Free Wills Month advertisements in your local newspapers

Hurry – please call as soon as possible, as the promotion is based on a first-come, first-served basis and the number of Wills that can be written under the terms of the scheme is limited.

Provided you have called a solicitor during April to make your appointment, it doesn't matter if the appointment itself is held after the 30 April.

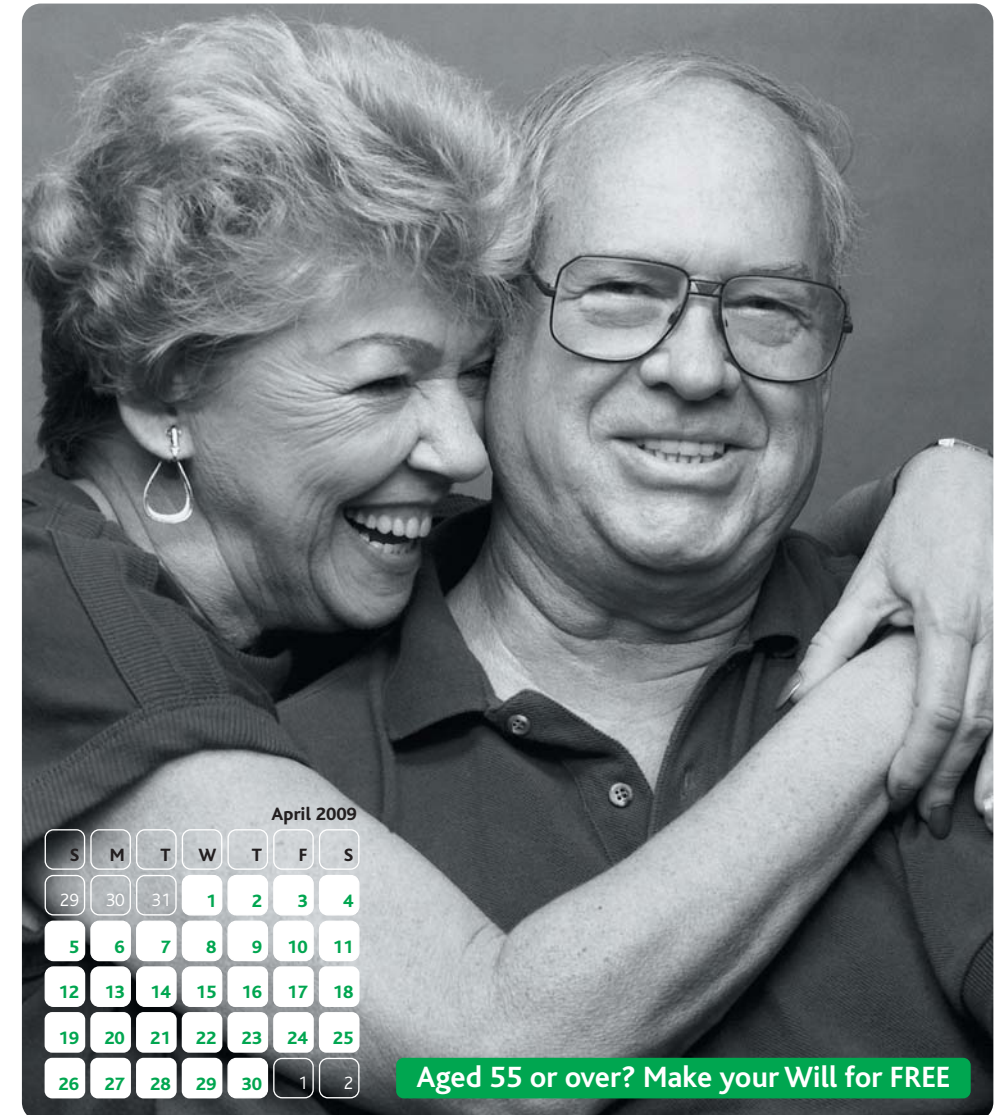
The solicitor will have a list of questions for you to make sure everything is covered but it will help if you have thought about who you would like to have your property and belongings – and whether you would like to include gifts to any of the Free Wills Month charities.

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Your Will can help your favourite cause



Your Will but paid for by the Free Wills Month charities

Free Wills Month brings together eight household name Irish charities to offer members of the public aged 55 and over the opportunity to have their Wills written or updated free of charge by one of a number of local solicitors in specific locations across Ireland.

We have agreed a fee with participating law firms for each 'simple' Will written. Most Wills are simple, but if a Will is particularly complex, the solicitor can apply for the extra cost to be met by the Free Wills Scheme, or you may choose

to pay the balance yourself. Whilst you are not obliged to leave a gift to any of the charities – we sincerely hope that you will consider doing so. All we ask is that a confidential declaration form is completed with your solicitor. The solicitor will forward the form to us with their invoice.

The number of Wills which can be paid for under the scheme is limited. Only those who have reached their 55th birthday may apply; in the case of couples making 'mirror Wills' it will be sufficient if one has reached the age of 55.

The unique power of legacies

The Free Wills Month charities offer care and support in many areas – to vulnerable children and to older people, to fund research into specific medical conditions, to alleviate poverty and to save lives at sea. Ireland is world renowned for its support of charitable work – please give consideration to helping these causes to provide essential services for generations to come with a gift in your Will.

Should you choose to support one or more of the charities in this way, please consider how you would like to favour them. Many people leave

sums of money, but some leave specific items such as shares or even property.

You may like to consider leaving the residue of your estate to one or several of the Free Wills Month charities after you have remembered family and friends. This is a popular option for many people. Whatever you decide, the Free Wills solicitor will have the correct wording to ensure that your wishes are met.

In the name of all the causes that will benefit from your kindness – a heartfelt 'thank you'.

Working together to create a better future

This campaign, the first of its kind in Ireland, demonstrates the desire of the seven Free Wills charities to work together to make the world a better place now and for generations to come.

By using the will writing services of one of the solicitors taking part in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Waterford and Wexford you can be sure that your wishes will be carried out exactly as you would wish. Your loved ones will thank you for putting your affairs in order and if you decide to leave a gift to one or more of the supporting charities, they will be forever grateful.



To find a participating solicitor visit: www.freewillsireland.com



The Irish Hospice Foundation* is the national charity which supports the development of Hospice care and promotes awareness of Hospice philosophy. We support a home care service for children, fund a night nursing service for patients with illnesses other than cancer, organise training and education on loss and bereavement and fund research. Your legacy will allow us to promote quality end-of-life care for everyone in need. Now that's a lasting legacy. * The IHF does not provide direct hospice services.



The Children's Medical and Research Foundation raises funds to support Our Lady's Children's Hospital and Research Centre based in Crumlin, Dublin. Our Lady's is one of the most renowned paediatric hospitals in Europe, providing care to children across Ireland with serious conditions and conducting research into causes and cures. Children are our future. With the support of gifts left in Wills we will be able to provide care and hope for generations of children to come.



Age Action is the national charity advocacy body on ageing and older people. Our vision is to make Ireland the best place in the world to grow older. We are committed to fighting discrimination and promoting positive ageing and securing high quality services for all older people. A gift in your Will could help us to continue providing vital support for older people.



Let yours be a willing heart...and help the Irish Heart Foundation. Through our programmes of Research, Education, Advocacy and Patient Support we are working to reduce premature death and disability from Heart Disease & Stroke in Ireland. We are almost entirely funded by public donations and our work cannot continue without the generous support of people like you. You can help this vital work by including the Irish Heart Foundation in your Will.



The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland is the only national organisation providing information and support to people living with MS, their families, friends and carers. With more than 7,000 families living with this progressive neurological condition in Ireland, our work enables those affected by the condition to live life to their fullest potential. A gift in your Will could help minimize the impact MS has for thousands of people and help fund research into the condition to benefit generations to come.



Oxfam believes that everyone has the right to a home, food, clean water, a way to make a living, education, healthcare, freedom from violence, a voice, and an identity. We support poor people in building a better future; when disaster strikes we bring immediate help to the most vulnerable and we campaign for a fairer world. But we can only do this with the support of gifts in Wills. Please consider helping Oxfam Ireland in this very special, lasting way.



The RNLI provides a 24-hour lifesaving service around the Republic of Ireland and UK. Our crews give up their time to carry out rescues in difficult and dangerous conditions. The work of our 55 lifeboat crews in the Republic of Ireland relies upon your generosity. An astonishing six out of ten lifeboat launches are only made possible because of gifts left in Wills. Your support is vital in training and equipping our volunteer lifesaving crews.