



About WomenCentre

Based in West Yorkshire, WomenCentre has been transforming lives of women and their children for 38 years in Calderdale, Kirklees and Bradford. Every year we support over 3000 women in the most difficult situations to make positive long term changes to their lives.

Our mission is to support women, particularly those who are disadvantaged or excluded, to lead safer lives with more life skills and increase resilience and opportunity. We provide high quality services, advice and information, with an emphasis on holistic, women-centred support to women and their families.

Why leaving a gift in your will is important to us?

Leaving a gift to WomenCentre allows us to maintain a healthy level of unrestricted funds to oversee the functions of the organisation, whilst supporting the women, current projects and developing innovative new projects for the future.

Remembering WomenCentre in your will

No matter what the size of legacy you choose to leave, your kindness and generosity will enable WomenCentre to support women and their children across Calderdale and Kirklees in the future. There are a number of different ways that you can support WomenCentre in your will. You can donate: a fixed amount; an item; a percentage; or whatever is left after other gifts have been given out. If 10% or more of your estate is left to charity it will reduce your Inheritance Tax rate.

"I honestly wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the group. They have kept me going through really hard times."

Writing your will – hints and tips

There are many details that you need to consider when writing a will. The following list may be helpful:

Find a solicitor

When writing a will you should consult a solicitor. It is a legal document and it is essential that certain pieces of information are included. A solicitor will make sure your will is legally binding.

Who do you want to benefit?

It is important to take time to think about who you want to benefit from your will and how you would like it to be divided.

Appoint Executors

Executors are responsible for administering your estate following your death; You must appoint them when writing a will.

Funeral wishes

You might want to think about how you would like your funeral to be carried out. Your will is an appropriate place to state these wishes.

Witness

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland, your will must be signed by you on each page and by two independent witnesses.

Value of Assets

Calculate the assessed value of your estate; your solicitor will then be able to advise you of your potential inheritance tax liability and how this can be managed.

Keep your will in a safe place

Ensure that you keep your will in a safe place. If you misplace it, your estate may not go to the correct people. You can leave the original with your bank or solicitor and by keeping a photocopy at home with you in a safe place.

Helpful contacts - The Law Society

England and Wales: 0870 606 2555 - www.lawsociety.org.uk

www.gov.uk/make-will/

"I came here depressed and hopeless not sure I wanted to live, I now see myself as a woman of worth, active and I can see how I can contribute to society"

