

Community
Foundation
Ireland

Legacy Guide

The Gift That Transforms Lives



Picture: Graffiti Theatre Cork

Introduction

Leaving a legacy to Community Foundation Ireland links you with our mission 'Equality For All in Thriving Communities'. A mission supported by a network of 5,000 charitable organisations, leading advocates and the top researchers in the country.

Together we act strategically. Our successes include empowering hundreds of communities to protect climate and nature, combatting poverty, strengthening laws on sexual violence, delivering immigration reforms, rights for Travellers including recognition of ethnicity as well as securing and protecting LGBTQI+ rights.

Your legacy can help future proof our work, creating certainty for individuals and families in an increasingly uncertain world.

This brief guide outlines the advice and insights we can offer as you take this important step. The options available to you are set out. You can invest into the core of our work through our endowment fund or you may want to leave a gift to a specific cause which has close personal or family connections

We are ready to use our 25-years' experience as a philanthropic hub to maximise any contribution you want to make after taking care of the needs of your loved ones.

We are here to provide insights, advice and knowledge to inform your decisions. Thanks to our unparalleled network of charitable partners, we offer the unique comfort that your charitable wishes may be met in full by our connected team.

I invite you to read this guide and then continue the conversation by contacting our team.



Thank You,
Denise Charlton,
Chief Executive

We want to grow philanthropy and its impact by offering best in class services, research and insights. As a Foundation we hold ourselves to the highest standards of openness and transparency with robust internal policies and Governance.

Organisational Strategy of Community Foundation Ireland

Range of Legacy Options

Community Foundation Ireland offers a unique solution to legacy giving, guaranteeing the greatest possible societal impact for your gift, no matter the amount.

Your legacy giving should be as individual as you are. It should reflect your values and interests, the charities and causes dear to you, as well as your hopes for the future of your community. We have an expert team who can support you to explore a range of options, allowing you to give with confidence.

The following pages set out our options and we are happy to discuss which is best for you.



Option 1: Foundation directed

We invest all legacies, unless otherwise directed, into our collaborative Community Foundation Ireland Endowment Fund, thus securing your gift, alongside that of your peers, in perpetuity.

Give to the Endowment Fund

By using your legacy gift to contribute to the Fund you bring strength by pooling resources with others to grow a fund from which returns are drawn down each year to respond to the most pressing issues of that time. For example, in recent years the impact of war, the cost-of-living crisis and Covid-19.



How it works

Effectively, these legacies are left in a trust to be directed by the Foundation's Board in response to society's greatest needs as they arise in future.

How it is used

Used strategically the Fund supports communities in crisis, not just in terms of immediate need but also in finding strategic solutions to secure a sustainable future.

Why Endowment

An Endowment Fund is a powerful way for donors to create a lasting contribution, benefiting both the cause and the donor. It is an approach to Philanthropy that ensures your donation has a perpetual impact.

Option 2: Donor directed

Whether you aim to create a legacy for future generations, support causes in the near term, or give your family the chance to engage in philanthropy, you can choose the path that aligns with your values.

Create your own Endowment Fund

Create your own Endowment Fund, to be managed by the Board and Investment Committee of The Foundation.

Share your charitable wishes with our expert team and the Foundation will honour them to the best of our ability in the following decades.

Sub-funds can be created for family members, giving them the opportunity to explore their philanthropic interests with full autonomy over their charitable choices.



Term Fund

Create a Term Fund for your legacy gift, which will be invested over a shorter timeframe (e.g. 5-10 years).

Your original gift, and the investment return earned on it, will be granted over an agreed period of years, on a regular basis, as pre-agreed with you in line with your express charitable wishes.



Flow Through (i.e. Current) Fund

Create a Flow Through (i.e. Current) Fund for your legacy gift. A more short-medium term plan is created for your legacy gift and we can direct your giving towards the cause or causes closest to your heart.



Start the Conversation

The first step is sometimes the hardest. Our team are ready to answer any question you may have. They will inform you of our work to achieve our mission, the many areas and communities we partner with and help you identify the best way forward.

They will operate at your pace. You will decide the form of giving which best suits you and we hope to hear from you.

Get in Touch

If you would like to learn more about how Community Foundation Ireland can support you on your philanthropic journey, get in touch with us at [018747354](tel:018747354) or email one of our team below:

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