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LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TODAY TRANSFORM LIVES TOMORROW

I have been actively involved with the University of Westminster for over 30 years. In that time, I have seen the institution grow from being The Polytechnic of Central London, to the University known worldwide today.

In 1864 my Great Grandfather Quintin Hogg then aged 19 started his philanthropic work teaching homeless boys of London to read on the muddy embankment of the Thames. From those small beginnings the Polytechnic now, the University developed. Quintin Hogg had a vision to provide education to all regardless of their background.

With the encouragement of his wife Alice, this also included girls and women at a time when their education was usually neglected.

This has been the vision and values underlying The Polytechnic now University, since it's foundation in the early 1880s. The University continues to provide education for all and seeks to improve its facilities and amenities for the current and future generations of students.

Your help would enhance our ability to grow and develop and continue the vision of our founder.

DAME MARY HOGG

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LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL MADE EASY

At the University of Westminster, we understand that your nearest and dearest come first. Once you have supported your loved ones, we hope you consider supporting us. A gift of any amount or type makes a tremendous difference to our students — even 1% of your estate.


Imagine the difference a gift in your will would make to future generations of students at the University of Westminster:

- Donate to our legacy endowment fund. Gifts received are invested and only the gains and interest of this endowment will ever be spent, to support the most pressing needs at the University. All gifts, of all sizes, are appreciated as together they can be transformational in helping to build the value of the fund to build sustainable income to support students long into the future.
- Award more bursaries and scholarships to students who would otherwise miss out on a University degree and miss out on their ambitions.
- Support the Hardship Fund and provide vital assistance to students who need extra financial help to ensure they continue with their studies and reach their full potential. With the fund, students are able to apply for grants which can make all the difference to a promising student by enabling them to stay at University, focus on their studies and graduate.

Leaving a gift in your will is one of the easiest ways of making a gift to the University of Westminster.

It's as simple as adding our registered charity name and number:
University of Westminster #977818.

Nothing is more important than your wishes. If you want your gift to be used for a particular cause, we will do our utmost to ensure this happens.



I don't intend to be prescriptive with the gift in my will, other than it be used to the benefit of scholarship students. I do, however, think it is very important we offer full scholarships for international students.

Otherwise all we are doing is reinforcing the middle-class privilege. If we provide the support, then the poorest students from the poorest areas can actually come here. I think it's nice to know that what you're doing will offer an opportunity that they would not have had otherwise.

COLIN MATHESON

Former Staff

SUPPORTING EDUCATION IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER



I have chosen to remember the University of Westminster in my will because of its provision of education across a broad, practical range of subjects, for all ages. Furthermore, it provides fantastic recreational facilities to students, alumni and the local community which, in today's world, is increasingly important to help destress from the pressures of studying and working.

It also remains an accessible place to study and helps students from all walks of life to reach their true potential. This important tradition dates back to the institution's founding and is something I strongly believe in. It is for these reasons I am leaving a share of my estate to the University to ensure this continues and prospers long into the future.

VALERIE EVANS

Alumni (Class of 1976)

Gaining a scholarship at the University of Westminster shaped me as an individual and a professional. It was the perfect platform for a person like me to come from the remotest corner of India, which lacked education and basic life's necessities, to transform into an individual contributing back to society.

In a way it was the opportunity which gave my life a purpose. I'll forever be grateful to the Westminster Scholarship Scheme for building the foundations of who I am.

ABHILASH ANAND

Scholarship Student



TAX INCENTIVES

An estate does not have to pay any tax on a gift left to the University of Westminster, as we have charitable status and are an 'exempt' charity under Schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011.

By remembering University of Westminster in your will, you may also be able to reduce the taxable value of your assets and so lower the amount of inheritance tax due on your estate.

If you choose to leave 10% or more of your net estate* to charitable beneficiaries after any exemptions have been considered, you will pay a lower amount of inheritance tax: 36% instead of 40%, on the non-charitable parts of the estate.

For more information about the tax benefits of leaving a gift in your will to a charity, please visit the HMRC website.

*Your net estate is the total value of your assets, after deducting anything below the inheritance tax threshold and any other reliefs of exemptions.



There's no rush – we know how important and personal this decision is because those who are closest to you come first.

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Together with our partners at Beyond, we are delighted to offer all alumni access to our brand new will writing service.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Legally binding will
- Every will checked
- Live support all the way
- Will registration worth £30
- Protect your family – make sure your nearest and dearest are taken care of and choose guardians for your kids and pets.
- Share your estate – Decide who will inherit and exactly what you'll leave them, so that everything will be settled the way you want.
- Leave Gifts – Leave personal gifts to people who will treasure them and set up donations for your favourite charities.
- Choose Executors – Pick people you trust to carry out your wishes. Friends, family members and professionals can all be executors.

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