

A Gift for the Future

Legacy Giving and Bequests

THE STAINED GLASS MUSEUM

Registered Charity Number 1169842

A Message from the Director

By leaving a legacy gift to The Stained Glass Museum you can play a part in making sure future generations are able to enjoy and be inspired by stained glass. Gifts and bequests over the past four decades have enabled the Stained Glass Museum to develop its significant collection of historic stained glass, unrivalled in the UK. The Museum is increasingly popular with the public for the range and quality of its educational and recreational programmes for visitors of all ages. I hope you will take a moment to read this leaflet which explains how you can support the Stained Glass Museum by becoming a benefactor.

Jasmine Allen

A Message from the Chairman



The Stained Glass Museum is an independent museum and charity, founded in 1977. Our objectives are the display and preservation of stained glass for public benefit, and the education of the public in its history and appreciation. We are honoured to have His Majesty King Charles III as our Royal Patron.

By making a legally-valid Will you can ensure that your estate is allocated according to your wishes. You can provide for surviving family members, friends and the good causes you wish to support. Bequests to charitable organisations may also reduce the tax liability on your estate if its value exceeds the Inheritance Tax threshold. Your tax advisor will be able to explain this.

If you are interested in giving or bequeathing objects to the collection, we recommend that you contact the Museum Director in the first instance, who will be able to advise you. Similarly we advise you to contact the Director if you are considering other forms of non-monetary donations such as property, shares or other valuables, which may benefit the museum.

Jeffrey Wyatt.

Types of Bequest



There are several different kinds of bequest:

A Pecuniary Bequest allows you to give a specific sum of money, which may be linked to the Retail Price Index.

A Residuary Bequest is a gift of the whole or part of your estate after other bequests to family and friends have been made and expenses have been met.

A Reversionary Bequest involves leaving all or part of your assets to Trustees so that family members or other beneficiaries can enjoy the income during their lifetimes, with all or a portion of the capital growth to the Museum after their deaths.

A Conditional Bequest leaves all or part of your estate to a person or persons but in the event that they die before you, the bequest would come to the Museum.

It is possible to combine different types of bequests in a single Will when it is first drawn up, or to add one or more later by attaching a codicil to an existing Will. Your solicitor will be able to guide you on this.

Acknowledging your Support



Whatever the size of your gift, it will be greatly appreciated and well used.

When a gift from a will is over the value of £500 the benefactor will be recorded in the Museum's newsletter. Names of major contributors, making donations of £5,000 and above will also be recorded in the Museum gallery.

Investing in the Future

By including the Stained Glass Museum in your Will, you are directly contributing to the Museum's growth and development. Your legacy will help to ensure its future success. A bequest made in general terms offers the Museum the greatest flexibility, enabling us to use funds where there is the greatest need. On the other hand you may wish to support particular areas of activity within the Museum such as acquisitions, conservation, education, information technology or research.

A Gift to the Stained Glass Museum in your Will

- Ensures your passion for stained glass is passed on to future generations
- Is a cost free way of supporting the Stained Glass Museum
- Can help preserve and keep our collections accessible to future generations
- Can help reduce Inheritance Tax payable on your estate
- Is easily arranged with the help of a solicitor
- ***If you already have a will the Stained Glass Museum can be incorporated into it by the simple addition of a Codicil***

Find out More

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