

What is a legacy?

A legacy is a gift made in your Will. A legacy to Nordoff Robbins is an investment in the future of music therapy and other music services.

What are the different types of legacy?

There are many different types of legacy and the one you choose will depend on your circumstances and what type of gift you would like to leave. A legacy to Nordoff Robbins may be a:

* Residuary Legacy

This is a gift of all of or a part of (percentage of) the remainder of your estate once all other costs have been met. Residuary legacies keep up with inflation and as such are an excellent way of dividing the value of your estate between a number of people and causes that are important to you. If you are considering leaving a legacy to Nordoff Robbins, a residuary legacy can really help your gift go further.

* Specific Legacy

This is a gift of a specific item that you own. This could include paintings, jewellery, a piece of land or even your home. It also includes things like musical instruments or the copyright to any song that you wrote or own.

* Pecuniary Legacy

This is a gift of a specific amount of money. The value of pecuniary legacies can decrease over time, as the cost of living increases.

* Reversionary Legacy or Life Interest

This is a gift that ensures that loved ones are taken care of during their lifetime. An example of this could be where you leave your house to a relative for the remainder of their lifetime on the basis that when they die, it will pass to a charity.

* Contingent Gift

Such legacies are made on the basis of another event happening first. For example an item could be gifted to a son or daughter unless they die before you, in which case it will pass to the charity.



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Why leave a legacy to Nordoff Robbins?

- Nordoff Robbins is the largest private provider of music therapy and other music services in the UK currently delivering over 45,000 music therapy sessions per year.
- Music therapy can dramatically improve the quality of life of people living with a number of conditions including autism, dementia, mental health problems, stroke, brain injury, depression or life threatening or terminal illnesses, such as cancer.
- Our income is not guaranteed. We receive no government support and rely on private donations for 85% of our income.
- We need to raise £3m each year to maintain our current operating levels but far more if we are to meet the huge demand for our music therapy and other music services throughout the UK.
- Through music, we give individuals the ability and confidence to express themselves and communicate where they may have not been able to do previously. The results have a profound impact on individuals and their families.

“Astonishing changes have taken place. We have seen Mia’s world open up, as have my husband’s and mine. Music therapy has the power to change lives.” Mia’s Mum

How do I leave a legacy to Nordoff Robbins?

Here are 4 simple steps to help you set up your gift.

* **Step 1: Draw up your Will**

To leave a legacy you need a Will. You can use a solicitor (the Law Society www.lawsociety.org.uk) can help you find a local firm), a professional Will writer (The Institute of Professional Will Writers, www.ipw.org.uk), or many high street banks offer the service.

* **Step 2: Consider your assets**

Thinking through your assets and debts will give you an idea of what your estate looks like (e.g. property, cash, savings, shares pension funds, loans, other debts).

* **Step 3: Decide who you want to remember**

Make a list of who you want to remember and how. If you choose to leave Nordoff Robbins a legacy, see the next section which will give you information on the specific wording you will need to include.

* **Step 4: Choose the type of legacy**

There are many different kinds of legacies and you will need to decide which is most appropriate for you.

Have you already included or do you plan to include Nordoff Robbins in your Will?

Legacies are exceptional gifts and can make a significant impact on the number of individuals who will benefit through music. You do not have to tell us if you have, or if you plan to include Nordoff Robbins in your will but we would love to hear from you. We would like to acknowledge your generosity in your life time and also keep you up to date with the work that you will be funding. All information received will be treated in the strictest confidence and we will respect your wishes should you wish to remain anonymous.

Please call Jennifer Coffey on **020 7428 9908** or email jennifer.coffey@nordoff-robbins.org.uk if you wish to let us know about your plans to or if you have already included Nordoff Robbins in your Will.

What wording should I include in my Will?

It is important that you use the following registered charity details in your Will:

Registered charity name: Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy
Registered charity address: 2 Lissenden Gardens, London NW5 1PQ
Registered charity No. 280960

Plus that you include the following wording in your Will whichever type of gift and wording you chose to use.

“If before or after my death, any charitable or other body to which a gift is made in this Will has: changed its name; or amalgamated with any other body; or transferred all its assets to any other body, then the gift is to be treated as a gift to the body in its changed name, or the body which results from that amalgamation, or the body to which the transfer has been made, as appropriate.”

Beyond that, the wording varies according to the type of legacy.



Please see overleaf for some suggested passages

Below are some suggested passages:

* **Residuary Legacy (a proportion of your estate)**

I give [...%] of the residue of my real and personal estate which I can dispose of by Will in any manner I think proper to Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy (Registered Charity No. 280960) of 2 Lissenden Gardens, London NW5 1PQ and the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or the proper officer for the time being of Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy shall be a complete discharge to my executors.

* **Pecuniary Legacy (a set sum)**

I give the sum of [..... pounds] to Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy (Registered Charity No. 280960) of 2 Lissenden Gardens, London NW5 1PQ and the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy shall be a complete discharge to my executors.

* **Specific Legacy (a named item)**

I, give to Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy (Registered Charity No. 280960) of 2 Lissenden Gardens, London NW5 1PQ absolutely, my [*name and description of item*].

* **Reversionary Legacy / Life Interest**

My trustees shall hold [...] on trust for [...] during his lifetime and, following his death, hold the capital and income for Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy (Registered Charity No. 280960) of 2 Lissenden Gardens, London NW5 1PQ and the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy shall be a complete discharge to my trustees.

Did you know that any sum of money you leave to Nordoff Robbins in your will is exempt from Inheritance Tax and therefore reduces the amount of tax payable on your estate?

If you are considering leaving a legacy, we advise you to discuss this matter with your legal adviser.

Thank you for considering leaving a legacy to Nordoff Robbins and wanting to help us transform lives through music

Who can I contact for more information?

Jennifer Coffey at Nordoff Robbins – for advice and support on leaving a legacy to Nordoff Robbins. Call **020 7428 9908**, email jennifer.coffey@nordoff-robbins.org.uk.

The Law Society – for advice on finding a legal adviser in your area www.lawsociety.org.uk.

