

Leave a gift in your Will

Help make childhood better, happier, safer



Childline
by ISPCC



Why ISPCC needs you

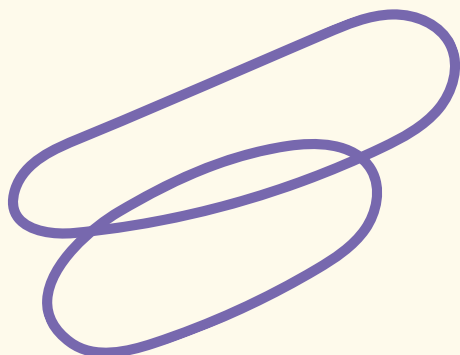
Childhood has always had its challenges. But today's children face pressures and anxieties that previous generations could not have imagined – dangers of social media, online grooming, family breakdown, loneliness. And some face far worse.

After you have taken care of the people you love, will you help us be there for the children who need us most?

Through our Childline services, ISPCC is there for every child, for any reason, at any time – day or night, 365 days a year. At the heart of our work is Childline 24/7 helpline – a free, confidential, non-judgmental listening service that any child or young person can reach by phone or webchat whenever they need us.

It is one of Ireland's most trusted services for children and young people. Every year, Childline answers thousands of calls and live chats from children seeking guidance, reassurance and someone to listen. It has been a constant, confidential presence – a voice at the end of the phone when a child has nowhere else to turn.

But Childline is not guaranteed. More than 70% of ISPCC's income comes from the generosity of the Irish public. A gift in your Will – however large or small – ensures that Childline will still be there for children for every generation to come.





Your compassion can stay with a child long after you're gone

And help them find calmness, courage and someone who will listen.

Every day, children reach out to Childline in moments that feel overwhelming, frightening or unbearably heavy. A legacy gift ensures that whenever a child needs support, someone will be there to listen.

A teenage girl reached out to Childline late one evening. She whispered as she spoke – she had stepped outside the hospice where her mum was spending her final days. For weeks, the room had been a quiet, gentle space where they could talk, laugh, share food and simply be together. But on this day, relatives had arrived unexpectedly, filling the room and crowding out the calm moments she treasured.

She told the volunteer that she felt overwhelmed and invisible. She had hoped to speak with her mum about something deeply important – her mother's funeral plans, a conversation they had wanted but could no longer have in private. She felt torn between wanting to honour her mum's wishes and the sudden pressure of so many people around her. She cried as she explained how much she longed for just a few quiet minutes alone.

The Childline volunteer stayed with her in that moment – listening, gently helping her to slow her breathing, giving her space to talk through her fears, her love for her mum, and the plans her family had already made together. As she spoke, she began to feel steadier. She decided she would return to the room, lie beside her mum, and trust that the quiet moment she needed would come.

Before ending the call, she said: *"Thanks for listening to me. I'm not usually this messed up but today got me. I want to be strong."*

Moments like this don't happen by accident. They happen because someone, years before, chose to leave a legacy of care. A legacy gift ensures that when a child reaches out – overwhelmed, frightened or unsure how to cope – a trained Childline volunteer is there to listen, to steady, and to stay with them until they feel able to face what comes next.

Your legacy becomes part of these moments.

You can create a legacy of listening

At ISPCC, we believe that volunteering creates a lasting legacy. It's something our volunteers give now that stays with a child long after the call ends – a moment of safety, a breath of calm, a feeling of being heard. A legacy gift helps to protect that tradition of care, ensuring that Childline's listening service remains strong long into the future.



"I have seen and know what listening to a child can mean. People think listening is a small thing. As a volunteer, I have learned that listening is anything but small. Being able to give a child the time and space to talk without judgement and without being told what to do can mean so much to a child. That's why I would encourage anyone to consider Childline. You are helping to keep a safe place where a child or young person can continue to be heard."

Childline Volunteer

Every time a child reaches out to Childline, they're trusting us with something precious – their feelings, their fears, their hopes.



"One of the many great things of volunteering with Childline is that the young people will never know who I am, but I know the difference I have made to them. Maybe in thinking of Childline in your will, leaving a little something, the child may never know about you, but they will remember the voice of the volunteer, who has let them be who they really want to be in that moment."

Childline Volunteer

That quiet impact – unseen but deeply felt – is the legacy every volunteer creates.

When someone chooses to leave a gift in their Will, they're creating the same legacy. They're making sure that long after any of the volunteers finish their shift, long after their voices fade from the phone line, another volunteer will be there to answer the call. Another child will feel less alone.

Your legacy allows us to keep listening.



Why leaving a gift matters

Leaving a legacy gift to ISPCC is a profound way to ensure that our shared commitment to safeguarding children continues beyond your lifetime. Your generosity can provide enduring support to vulnerable children across Ireland, helping them to lead safer lives and look forward to brighter futures.

By including ISPCC in your Will, you contribute to:

Sustaining vital services: Your gift ensures the continuation of essential services such as Childline, offering 24/7 support to children in need.

Empowering future generations: Invest in programs that educate and empower children, fostering resilience and confidence.

Advocating for children's rights: Support our efforts to influence policies and practices that protect children's welfare nationwide.

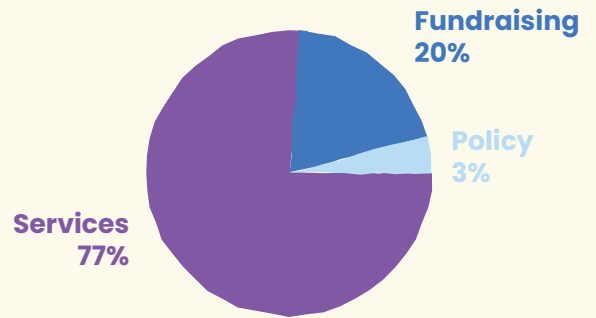
We promise to you...

1. **We recognise** that your Will is personal and private to you, and promise that we will respect your privacy at all times.
2. **We understand** that the wellbeing of your family and your loved ones must always come first.
3. **We are committed** to making a positive difference in the lives of children and young people in Ireland. We actively encourage you to remember ISPCC in your Will. However, we understand that you may have other charities that you may wish to include in your Will in preference to, or in addition to, us. We recognise that this is your decision, and we respect your right to decide.
4. **We promise to** work to honour your wishes, if you specify in your Will how and where you would like your gift to be used by ISPCC.
5. **We promise** that we will use your gift as carefully and as cost effectively as possible so that it brings the maximum number of benefits to children and young people in Ireland.



Where your gift goes

Our donors place enormous trust in us to spend the money they donate wisely. We are committed to providing clear and transparent information about how we raise our money, how we account for it and how we spend it.



Steps to creating your Will

- 1 Find a solicitor** – if you don't already use a solicitor, ask friends and family members for a referral or consult your local listings.
- 2 Make a list of all your assets** and their approximate value. (i.e. property, car, savings, insurance policies, etc.)
- 3 Make a list of all your liabilities.** (i.e. mortgage, other loans, overdraft, credit cards, etc.)
- 4 Consider who you would like to look after your financial affairs** (your executors) and agree this with the appointed person(s).
- 5 Consider how you would like to have your assets divided**, bearing in mind your obligations to people who are close to you.
- 6 Visit your solicitor to discuss your plans** and to allow them to prepare your Will. They should advise you in terms of the tax implications of leaving legacies to family members, friends or charities. If you would like to include a gift to the ISPCC, your solicitor will write this into your Will.

Adding ISPCC to your existing Will

If you have already drawn up a Will, you don't need to write an entirely new one. You can add ISPCC to your Will by appending a Codicil.

Provide your solicitor with the following information:

Charity Name: Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (ISPCC)

Registered Address: Unit 3, Block 3, Harbour Square, Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin

Charity Registration Number: 20007225

Charity Number: CHY 5102

We are grateful to you for leaving a gift to ISPCC in their Will



A gift in your Will is an incredibly meaningful way to help protect childhood for generations to come. Your gift ensures children and young people have somewhere safe to turn to for support when they need it most.

We understand that family and loved ones come first, and deciding to leave a legacy is a very personal choice. Simply considering ISPCC means a great deal to us. So thank you for helping us to build a better, happier and safer childhood.

James Phelan
Head of Fundraising

Your details will be treated with complete confidentiality.

Title **Name** **Surname**

Address

From time to time we would like to send you exciting updates about our work as well as other opportunities to help, including fundraising activities and research.

☐ **I'm happy to receive emails. My email address is:**

☐ **I'm happy to receive phone calls. My phone number is:**

☐ If you would prefer not to receive information by post, please tick this box.
Don't worry, we'll still keep in touch about your Legacy Gift.

Tell us a bit about your gift

- ☐ I intend to include ISPCC in my Will
- ☐ I have included ISPCC in my Will
- ☐ I would like to talk to your legacy team, please call me on my details above

The type of gift is likely to be

- ☐ A percentage of what is left after my loved ones have been looked after (a residual gift)
- ☐ A specified sum of money (a pecuniary gift)
- ☐ I'd rather not say

Get in touch

Please return your completed reply form by email to **donorcare@ispcc.ie**, or by post to; **Unit 3, Block 3, Harbour Square, Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin**

For further details on how we store and use your information please visit **www.ispcc.ie**. To change or opt out of communicating with you, please email us at **info@ispcc.ie**.

We know that leaving a legacy is a very personal decision. Our dedicated team is here to assist you with any questions or provide further information. If you need help, then please contact our team on **01 234 2000**.



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