



**Trinity College Dublin**

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath  
The University of Dublin



# Inspiring Generations

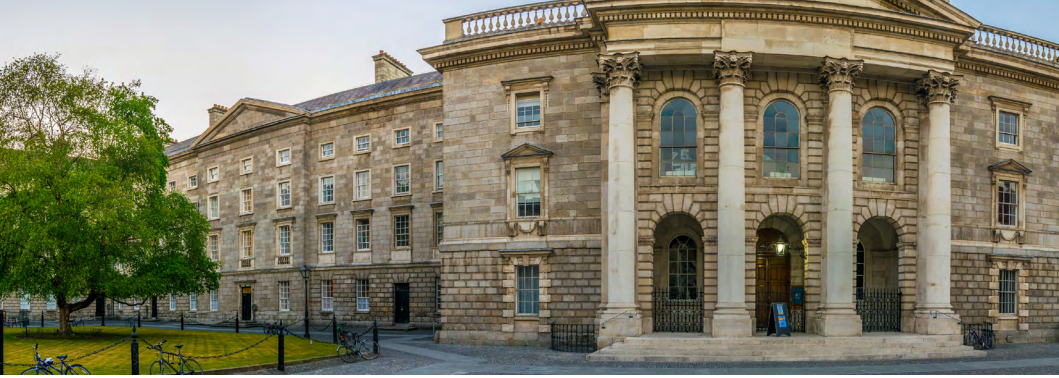
## The Power of a Legacy to Trinity

---

A Guide to Leaving a Gift in Your Will

**Inspiring Generations**

The Campaign for Trinity College Dublin



## Remembering Trinity

Since the granting of its Charter over 400 years ago, legacies have played a pivotal role in the development of Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, transforming the university over time and enabling it to grow, flourish and achieve its noble mission. When you remember Trinity in your will, you join a tradition of giving that stretches back over 400 years – and reaches far into the future.

## The Power of a Legacy

Across Trinity there are myriad examples of influential legacies that have helped fund buildings, endow academic posts and provide an array of student supports:

- 1711 - Trinity's great School of Medicine was founded by a legacy from the Widow Parsons.
- 1883 - Rev. Benjamin Span endowed two annual prizes for 'deserving students of narrow means' which became the forerunner of the Trinity Access programme.
- 2011 - R.B. McDowell, Fellow Emeritus, bequeathed a transformational legacy to the Department of History, the College Historical Society and the Trinity Library.
- 2012 - The Ellen Mayston Bates bequest launched a major epilepsy research programme to help people worldwide that suffer from the disease.
- 2014 - John & Ann Boland's legacy gift supported the refurbishment of Trinity's historic organ, ensuring its notes will ring out at commencement ceremonies for decades to come.



My four years at Trinity were truly wonderful and mind broadening. In the last 10 years I became interested in astronomy as a relaxation from my job. I decided that one of the best uses for my legacy would be to invest it in the astrophysics department, and in a university that I love.

*Janice McClean, BA (1981), 1592 Circle Member*





## A Lasting Impact

Legacy gifts of all sizes can have a huge impact and there is a diverse range of projects across Trinity that could benefit from your support, giving you the opportunity to have a transformational influence on the principles, people and places that matter the most to you:

### - Trinity's Greatest Need

A donation to Trinity's Greatest Need fund provides Trinity with the resources to respond swiftly and flexibly to changing circumstances and unforeseen challenges. This fund has proved vital in many circumstances, including Trinity's response to the global pandemic, and ensures Trinity can continue to excel in education and research long into the future.

### - Supporting Students

Through bursaries, scholarships or the student hardship fund, a legacy gift can help students overcome barriers to reach their full potential. Your support could change the course of a student and their family's life by ensuring a Trinity education remains accessible to the most promising and talented students, regardless of their circumstances.



Apart from today, nothing matters more than tomorrow, and education creates boundless tomorrows. Trinity was there long before us and will be there long after too. A legacy gives us a ticket for the ride.

*Rupert Pennant-Rea, BA (1970), 1592 Circle Member*







## - Medical Research and Healthcare

Trinity scientists and clinicians are at the forefront of the drive to understand some of the most challenging illnesses affecting us today including Cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Motor Neuron Disease and Epilepsy. A legacy gift will support research that will identify causes, improve treatments and ultimately, discover cures.

## - Protecting our Heritage

The Old Library, with its magnificent Long Room and unique and significant collections, is at the heart of Trinity's historic campus. It is known around the world as a symbol not only of Trinity, but of Ireland. A legacy gift to the Old Library will support the ongoing conservation, restoration and research required to safeguard this outstanding piece of Irish heritage for future generations.

You may prefer to direct your gift to a specific area that reflects your own passions and interests, such as an academic department, association, research area or sporting society. We would be delighted to discuss how your gift can be used to create a long-lasting and influential impact.



When I heard about the Trinity St James's Cancer Institute I felt this was the ideal opportunity to help the transformation of cancer care in Ireland. I'm very proud to be a graduate of Trinity and through leaving a legacy, I feel part of its future too!

*Pamela O'Leary BBS (1974), 1592 Circle Member*



## Leaving a Legacy

If you would like to remember Trinity in your will, after you have provided for your family and loved ones, there are a number of different options:

- A Residuary gift: a percentage of your remaining estate after fees and other gifts have been taken care of
- A Pecuniary gift: a fixed sum of money
- A Specific Gift: an asset or shares

We can provide suggesting wording for your will, or a codicil to your existing will, to ensure that your gift can be efficiently transferred to the university and allocated in accordance with your wishes. We do, however, recommend that you always consult your solicitor who will be able to advise you in light of your own personal circumstances.

## Recognising Your Legacy as a Member of the *1592 Circle*

We would be delighted to recognise your generosity and foresight by welcoming you as a member of Trinity's *1592 Circle*. Members will be invited to a special annual reception and other events of interest throughout the year. You will receive news and updates from the university, and we can keep you informed of the impact your gift will have in the future. Alternatively, your legacy can remain anonymous if you prefer.



I have decided to leave a legacy to Trinity, to support the tradition of undergraduate debate and free speech, and thereby inspire others as I was inspired.

*Christopher Haden, BA (1989), 1592 Circle Member*





## Taking the Next Step

If you are considering making a provision for the university in your will, we are very grateful. Your will is a private document but if you choose to share your intentions with us we can work closely with you to ensure your wishes are met and we can thank you for your support as a member of the *1592 Circle*.

Any information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and is not binding in any way.

Even if you are only at the very early stages of planning, we would be pleased to hear from you and answer any questions you may have.

Niamh McCourt

Donor Development Manager

Trinity Development & Alumni

Trinity College Dublin

Dublin 2.

E: [niamh.mccourt@tcd.ie](mailto:niamh.mccourt@tcd.ie)

T: +353 87 166 6649

Charity No: CHY10898 (Ireland) / 280693 (UK)

[www.tcd.ie/campaign/leave-a-legacy/](http://www.tcd.ie/campaign/leave-a-legacy/)



Let us do something, while we have the chance!  
It is not every day that we are needed

*Samuel Beckett BA (1927), LITT.D (1959, h.c.),  
Lecturer in French, 1930-31 Trinity College Dublin*

