



Leaving a Legacy
- made easy



Foreword

Edinburgh Napier University is committed to the highest standards of excellence in teaching, learning, research and the transfer of knowledge into commercial activity. Edinburgh Napier University is a university wholly in tune with our time.

We are one of the largest higher education institutions in Scotland, with nearly 18,000 students, including over 5,000 international students, studying both in Edinburgh and overseas.

As an enterprising and innovative community, we are committed to providing the best possible learning and working environment for our students and staff. We know that our education provision and research is directly relevant to our graduates; enabling them to secure and prosper in employment. Our strength in research is growing and is recognised as world-leading in areas such as Nursing, Allied Health, Civil Engineering, Architecture & Built Environment, Library & Information Management and English.

We are inclusive and will not allow an individual's financial background to be a barrier to education - we do this by increasing the number of scholarship and bursary funds we have available for our students.

In 2014, Edinburgh Napier University celebrated the 50th anniversary of the opening of Napier Technical College. We are immensely proud of our heritage and all that our students and staff have achieved, and all that we will continue to achieve in the next 50 years.

We want our students to have opportunities to not only excel academically, but we want to provide them with life changing experiences; we want to help them grow in confidence, be innovative and entrepreneurial; and we want to make sure that our graduates continue to be highly sought after. We already have a number of programmes to help achieve these goals, like our Confident Futures Programme, which was made possible with philanthropic funding.

At Edinburgh Napier University, we look forward to a bright future and we hope that you will consider helping us to continue shaping the paths of future generations by bestowing the greatest honour of making a lasting gift to the University in your will.



Professor Andrea Nolan OBE, Principal and Vice-Chancellor

How Your Legacy Could Help Edinburgh Napier University

Your gift could help to provide student support or scholarships, making sure that talented students from all backgrounds will always have the opportunity to study and fulfil their potential.

It could underpin our academic work, helping the University to attract and retain the finest minds from around the world and ensuring the highest calibre teaching and research.

Or you may want your gift to help create facilities in which the pursuit of innovation and excellence can flourish - an environment in which we can continue to extend the boundaries of knowledge and understanding. Unrestricted support is the most valuable kind of support. It provides the University with the flexibility it needs to achieve its most important goals.

Whatever you choose to support, your legacy gift will help Edinburgh Napier University to build a secure financial platform that will enable it to look to the future with confidence.

“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.”

Sir Winston Churchill



My relationship and love for Edinburgh Napier University began by accident. I spent my career working with Ethicon – retiring as Managing Director in 1988. Our headquarters were at Sighthill, adjacent to the then campus of Napier Polytechnic.

I joined the Court of Napier Polytechnic in 1986 and enjoyed the thrilling experience of the Polytechnic becoming a University in 1993. The expansion and development since that date has been remarkable and I am delighted to have played a part over two decades, through my roles as Chairman of the Court in 1996 and 1997; and now as Trustee and Treasurer of the Napier University Development Trust. I have had many opportunities to meet and be very impressed with the excellent graduates that Edinburgh Napier University is nurturing and preparing for their role in our society, as well as meeting justly proud and happy parents at graduation ceremonies.

My association with Edinburgh Napier University, its students and staff have been an important part of my later life and that is why I made the decision to fund a lecture theatre at the Business School at Craiglockhart, with a lifetime cash gift and the balance in my will.

Please take time to read through this brochure and I ask you to please consider including Edinburgh Napier University in your will.

Dr A Lindsay Stewart, OBE, CA Treasurer, (Edinburgh) Napier University Development Trust

Dr Stewart was the treasurer of the Edinburgh Napier University Development Trust for many years and his memory lives on for all at the University.



Have I Got Enough To Give?

We understand that your first concern must be to care for yourself and your family. A legacy can be tailored to your personal circumstances. For example, leaving a proportion of your estate (no matter how small) could ensure that the University would benefit only after your family and friends have been provided for and all liabilities met. Over the years, we have received legacies of all sizes from £1000 to £500,000 or more. Each makes an invaluable contribution to the University's future.



Are Legacies Complicated?


No. Legacies are the most simple and flexible way of giving. It is a straightforward matter to change your will to include a legacy to the University, although we do recommend that you consult your legal advisor.

Is There A Tax Advantage?

We are recognised as a charity by the Inland Revenue and, therefore, pay no tax on the gifts we receive. Legacies also have tax benefits for your estate, as any bequest to the University is deducted from the value of the estate before that tax liability is calculated.

When Should I Write My Will?

If you have children, assets such as property, or have strong feelings about who you would like to receive your worldly goods, then it is never too early to consider writing a will. Codicils can always be added at a later date, if you want to change or add to your wishes.



“Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present.”

Albert Camus

Choose A Legacy That Suits You

There are four generally recognised types of bequest. They can be made independently or in combination. Edinburgh Napier University welcomes all bequests, but in considering your legacy you may want to discuss the benefits of each with your solicitor. The four most common types are:

Residuary Legacy, which is part or all of the remainder of your estate, after taxes, charges and other legacies have been paid. This type of legacy can be helpful as it avoids you having to decide on a specific sum or to make adjustments at a later date as your circumstances change.

'I give to (Edinburgh) Napier University Development Trust, Sighthill Campus, Sighthill Court, Edinburgh EH11 4BN, Scotland (Charity No: SC030225), (enter the word 'all' or 'percentage') of the residue of my estate for its general charitable purposes and I further direct that the Treasurer of the Trust or other appropriate officer of the University shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors for said legacy.'

Cash Legacy, in which you specify an exact sum of money for a named beneficiary. In order to preserve the real value of your gift over time, particularly in the case of a large gift, you may want to protect the gift against inflation.

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Specific Legacy, whereby you make a gift of a specific asset, perhaps a property or work of art rather than a monetary sum. Please let us know if you plan to leave this kind of gift to the University, as we would want to assure you that the item(s) can be properly housed, displayed and maintained.

Reversionary Legacy, which postpones the effect of the legacy until after the death of a named person, giving them lifetime use of your assets. Only after they have no further need of it does your estate pass to the beneficiary of the reversionary legacy.

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When you learn, teach.
When you get, give.”

Maya Angelou



What If My Will Is Already Written?

A codicil - *an addition explaining, modifying or revoking a will or part of one* - is a simple way for you to update your will and include a legacy gift to the University. Your solicitor will be able to advise and assist with this.

'I (full name) of (full address) declare this to be a first (second, third, number as appropriate) codicil to my will dated (add date in words) which I make on (current date in words). I leave to (Edinburgh) Napier University Development Trust, Sighthill Campus, Sighthill Court, Edinburgh EH11 4BN, Scotland (Charity No: SC030225, a monetary gift of £ ... In all other respects I confirm my said will.'

If you have already included a legacy gift to the University in your will, then we would be delighted to hear about it. Knowing about your intentions gives us an opportunity to discuss with you any specific wishes you might have and how best we can accommodate these.

(Edinburgh) Napier University Development Trust (SC030225)

A separate legal entity from Edinburgh Napier University, the Development Trust is responsible for ensuring accountability and transparency in relation to our fundraising. Trustees ensure that the wishes of the donor are always respected, and that the money we raise is spent in the most effective way possible to achieve our stated aims. Trustees are brought together from both inside and outside the University.

Is There Someone I Can Talk To?

You may have many ideas on how you would like a legacy to benefit the University. Perhaps you would like to hear about the possibilities for commemorating a loved one or supporting your old department.

Our Development Office can advise on all aspects of leaving a legacy to the University. Please contact the office on **0131 455 6382** (development@napier.ac.uk) or contact us at: **Edinburgh Napier University Development Office, FREEPOST, Edinburgh EH11 4BN**

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We recommend that you seek legal advice when leaving a charitable legacy.



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