



LEGACY GIVING

The English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS) has been very fortunate to receive some significant legacies over the past few years. Such legacies have been left for the furtherance of EFDSS's work as whole as well as for specific activities.

Over the past five years legacies have supported the day to day work of EFDSS to support the preservation, promotion and development of the folk arts across England, together with specific activities and development including the creation of a Dance Development Manager post and folk dance activities, the digitisation and cataloguing of seminal folk collections. Capital improvements to Cecil Sharp House have included adding step-free access to all floors of the building, as well as restoring Kennedy Hall and its mural by Ivon Hitchens.

You can include the English Folk Dance and Song Society in your Will by directing your gift to EFDSS, registered charity number 305999.

Making a Will to include EFDSS need not be complicated or expensive. If you would like more detailed information on how you can do this, you should seek your own professional advice. This information does not constitute legal advice so you should consult your independent professional adviser.

LEAVING A GIFT FOR THE EFDSS GENERAL PURPOSES

If you choose to leave a gift for EFDSS's general purposes, EFDSS will use your gift where it is needed most. If you want to make straightforward gift of a fixed amount, below is suggested wording your professional adviser can use:

"I give to the English Folk Dance and Song Society of Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London, NW1 7AY, Registered Charity Number 305999, to be applied for the general purposes of the English Folk Dance and Song Society the sum of (amount in figures, amount in words) and I direct that the receipt of a proper officer for the time being of the English Folk Dance and Song Society shall be a complete discharge to my Executors."

Many people choose not to leave a stated sum of money to charity, but rather to leave a share of the residue of their estate. In this case, your professional adviser may find the following wording helpful:

"I give all/a share of (please state fraction/percentage) the residue of my estate absolutely to the English Folk Dance and Song Society of Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 7AY, Registered Charity Number 305999, to be applied for the general purposes of the English Folk Dance and Song Society and I direct that the receipt of a proper officer for the time being of the English Folk Dance and Song Society shall be a complete discharge to my Executors."

LEAVING A GIFT FOR A SPECIFIC ASPECT OF THE EFDSS'S WORK

One of the easiest ways to let us know how you would like EFDSS to apply a gift is to include a letter with your Will expressing your wishes. However, even if you are considering a gift for a specific area, in the event that the specific need no longer exists at the time we receive your gift, it would be helpful if the clause in your Will allows EFDSS to use your donation 'for the general purposes of the English Folk Dance and Song Society'.

As long as your wishes are clear, EFDSS will support them provided they are possible. We would, therefore, suggest you speak to us before finalising your Will with the assistance of your professional adviser.

THE TAX IMPLICATIONS OF MAKING A DONATION IN YOUR WILL

As EFDSS is a registered charity, no inheritance tax is payable on the amount of your gift, since charities are exempt from paying this tax. Thus, it is worth bearing in mind that you can choose either to pay the tax to the Inland Revenue or to give it to a charity whose work you support. You should consult a professional adviser for clear advice on this issue.

There are also tax implications in leaving the residue of your estate between charitable and non-charitable beneficiaries. Again, your professional adviser will be able to assist you with this.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

If you have decided to include EFDSS in your will, it would help us greatly if you could let us know. Your reply will be treated in the strictest confidence and it is entirely up to you whether you wish to provide any details about your gift.

Please complete the form below return to us at the Freepost address below.

LEGACY DONATION NOTIFICATION FORM

Title _____ First Name(s) _____

Surname _____

Address _____

_____ Post Code _____

Membership number (if applicable) _____

Please tick whichever boxes you feel appropriate.

- I have left a donation towards EFDSS's work in my Will.
- I intend to leave a donation towards EFDSS's work in my Will.
- I would like to speak to an EFDSS staff member.
My telephone number is _____
- I am happy to be contacted by email. My address is:

Please return this form to:

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Data Protection Statement:

The English Folk Dance and Song Society (EFDSS) promises that any information you give will be used for EFDSS purposes only.

While we have made every effort to provide accurate information, this information is no substitute for your taking professional advice about your particular circumstances and the EFDSS will not be liable if you rely on this information.