



The gift of education

Your legacy to Nottingham Trent University

“A university should be a place of light, of liberty and of learning.”

Benjamin Disraeli (British Prime Minister and Novelist 1804-1881)

“The quality of a university is measured more by the kind of student it turns out than the kind it takes in.”

Robert J Kibbee (former Chancellor of City University of New York)



An outstanding university in a vibrant city

We have come a long way since 1843 when the Nottingham Government School of Design first opened.

Throughout our long history one thing has remained constant - excellence in education. Thousands of students have passed through our doors on their journey through life; students whose lives have been enriched by education and all that the student experience in Nottingham has to offer.

Today our mission is to deliver education and research that shapes lives and society, and our goal is to be the university of choice for students who want to gain the skills, knowledge and self-confidence to succeed in their chosen profession.

We are committed to delivering an even more valuable and rewarding educational experience for generations of future students – students who will go on to make a positive and enduring contribution to our society.

But to achieve this requires resources and investment. Nottingham Trent University can only fulfil its role at the heart of education and research in Nottingham with your help and support, both through donations during your lifetime and ultimately a gift in your Will.

Can you help to open the door to education?

“When it came to a point in my life when I had to make a Will, I knew I wanted to include provision to help a Fine Art student at Nottingham Trent University. I want to help ensure that a talented student with limited finances has the same opportunities I had. I hope that by leaving a gift in my Will I can make a difference one day in the future.”

Louise Garland – BA (Hons) Creative Arts, MA Fine Art, PGCE Craft, Design and Technology



You can inspire the future...

... in education

By remembering Nottingham Trent University in your Will, you can make a real difference to the lives of students and help them meet the challenges that they face throughout their education.

Whether or not you have been a student yourself, you'll undoubtedly appreciate that today's students face many challenges. Some of these challenges may be financial and at Nottingham Trent University we pride ourselves on having a diverse student body and we are committed to widening access to all those students for whom university might once have seemed out of reach.

You can help inspire the future and give students both in this and future generations the opportunity to thrive in a stimulating and rewarding environment.

Your gift will help us do all we can to nurture the kind of graduates who will not only make a contribution to society through their work, but will also make a positive impact on society as active global citizens.

... in research

Your gift can advance research that will help to save lives and enrich society. The university's research portfolio covers a broad spectrum - from developing cures for cancer to improving the welfare of animals, from protecting the environment to preserving historic artworks, from tackling poverty to improving educational attainment in our schools.

By supporting the university, you can encourage new thinking and shape ideas that will answer some of the most pressing questions our world faces today.

"Nottingham Trent is renowned as a great university for teaching and it certainly lives up to expectations."

Lorna Sutton – BA (Hons) Psychology and Educational Development

How your gift can help

Nottingham Trent University can benefit from your help in a variety of areas including scholarships and bursaries, facilities for students, research, teaching and general support.

Leaving a gift in your Will for the general purposes of the university allows us the freedom to use the gift to address the most pressing need at the time it is received, although we do understand that you may want to be more specific in your bequest.

If you would like to leave a legacy for a specific part of the university or for a particular purpose, we would be delighted to discuss this with you to ensure that we fully understand your wishes.

The gift of education is arguably one that outweighs any other. At Nottingham Trent University all gifts, large or small, are very much appreciated and can transform the educational experience of our students.

"I came to Nottingham Trent University as a mature student after working for British Rail for 27 years. My time at NTU changed my life. I am dyslexic and left school with no qualifications but the support that NTU gave me helped me to achieve my potential. Now I want to give something back and by leaving a gift to the university in my Will, I know I can help others to reach their potential too."

Bob Stephens – BA (Hons) Human Services



"If you are planning for a year, sow rice;
if you are planning for a decade, plant trees;
if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."

Chinese proverb

Leaving a legacy is simple

Although making a Will can seem a daunting prospect, it is simple and inexpensive to have one drafted by a properly qualified professional. Your Will is the best way of providing for the people you care about, helping the causes you support and acknowledging the influences that have had a positive impact on your life.

Why do I need to make a Will?

Whatever your time of life, it is important to have an up to date Will so that your loved ones are provided for if anything should happen to you. Sadly, if you die without making a Will it will cause additional chaos and distress for your family and the law will decide how your money and possessions should be divided. And even if you have made a Will in the past, you need to regularly check that it still reflects your current wishes and circumstances.

“The first thing that attracted me to NTU was the reputation of Nottingham Law School as one of the best in the country.”

Matthew Fowler – LLB (Hons) Law

What if I already have a Will?

You can update or change your Will at any time, but you should always seek professional advice when doing so. Small changes can often be made simply by means of a Codicil. This is a short separate document written to work in conjunction with your Will without invalidating it. If the changes required are more numerous or more complex, you will need to make an entirely new Will to avoid invalidating the original.

If you have already included Nottingham Trent University in your Will - or you intend to do so - then thank you for your generosity.

Please do let us know your intentions so that we are able to recognise and thank you during your lifetime.

Knowing your intentions will also help us with financial planning and help us avoid sending you inappropriate mailings in the future.

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