



# The Venice in Peril Fund

## LEAVING A LEGACY – A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

**Every gift in every Will makes a difference.  
Help the long term sustainability of the most beautiful city in the world**

### Why your legacy is important

Each year, ordinary supporters of charities make an extraordinary difference to their favourite causes by leaving a gift in their will. These gifts, known as legacies, are an increasingly vital source of funds for charities such as Venice in Peril.

A common misconception is that a legacy has to be an enormous sum of money. This is not the case. Any gift left in a Will, no matter how large or how small, is important to the charities you support.

Through a legacy you can make a direct and lasting contribution to Venice in Peril. Whatever you give, you can make a difference.

### Making your Will

Including Venice in Peril in a will is a straightforward, easy and cost-effective way to support our work. Simply include Venice in Peril in your Will when it is first drawn up or if you want to add Venice in Peril to an existing Will, your solicitor simply attaches a written instruction, called a codicil. This must be done by your solicitor, don't make changes yourself as you may inadvertently invalidate your Will. The codicil will need the signature of two independent witnesses.

Your legacy can be in the form of a set sum of money, financial assets such as shares, or in property and valuables. Currently all gifts to a charity, such as Venice in Peril are free from Inheritance and Capital Gains Taxes, so the full value of your gift will go to help the work of Venice in Peril.

#### There are several standard types of legacy:

- A Pecuniary (Specific) Legacy allows you to give a specific sum of money.
- A Residuary Legacy involves leaving all or part of the residue of your estate after pecuniary legacies and other liabilities have been met.
- A Reversionary Legacy involves leaving your assets to trustees so that family members or other beneficiaries can enjoy the income during their lifetimes, with all or a portion of the capital going to Venice in Peril after their deaths.
- A Conditional Legacy provides for the eventuality that, if none of your dependants survive you, your estate will go to one or more named beneficiaries, including Venice in Peril.

If you have included, or intend to include, Venice in Peril in your Will it would be helpful if you let us know as it improves the future security of the Fund. You can download a form from the website [www.veniceinperil.org](http://www.veniceinperil.org) or contact the office +44 (0)20 7736 6891.

**Help Venice survive as a sound and living city 200 years from now.**

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