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A GIFT LEFT TO AMGUEDDFA CYMRU IS A GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF WALES.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your will to Amgueddfa Cymru – Museum Wales.

As a charity, we need our supporters more than ever. We're a family of seven museums and a collections centre, located across Wales. But we're more than our buildings. Our museums are vital community spaces but they are also some of Wales' most significant cultural institutions, reaching far beyond their location on a map - across Wales, and internationally too.

We've been the guardian of Wales' historical, art and design, and natural sciences collections since 1907, and we believe that museums can change lives. We work hard to ensure that Amgueddfa Cymru belongs to everyone and is here for everyone to use.

We are grateful that our museums have thrived, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, including those who have thought of us while writing their wills.

We understand that thinking about the world continuing after our time here might be difficult, but we hope that the values that guide our work will inspire you to want to support our long-term commitments.

We have a responsibility to those who will come after us, to plan for how we can make Wales a better place in which to grow up, to live and to work. We want to achieve more for the next generation; to reach new audiences and work with new communities. At the heart of Amgueddfa Cymru is the firm belief that everyone in Wales has a right to participate in the cultural life of the nation.

To truly deliver our vision of inspiring people and changing lives, we need your help. We would be deeply grateful if, after ensuring your loved ones are cared for, you would consider leaving a gift to Amgueddfa Cymru in your will as well.

We hope that we can rely on your support as, together, we build a stronger future for Amgueddfa Cymru, and the people of Wales.

Diolch yn fawr.

Cover image: St Fagans National Museum of History


Image left: Big Pit National Coal Museum

EVERY GIFT, LARGE OR SMALL, MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Your legacy gift could help us in many different ways, whether to improve the very fabric of our museums, to help expand or conserve our precious collections or to help us deliver our education programmes and work in the community.

A gift left to Amgueddfa Cymru could help us:

- hold school workshops, involving children who might not otherwise have the chance to visit museums;
- train a conservator in the rare skills that preserve our most fragile collections;
- fund a research project and allow us to learn so much more about the world around us;
- acquire new pieces and objects to enhance the national collection;
- develop apprenticeships to ensure the continuation of traditional skills and techniques;
- refurbish galleries or present exhibitions to the people of Wales; or
- develop wellbeing projects to connect with communities through cultural experiences.



You'll have the satisfaction of knowing that, however much you pledge, you will help future generations enjoy and appreciate the diverse richness of history and culture that Wales possesses.

Image right: National Wool Museum

HOW ONE LEGACY GIFT HELPED WITH ONE OF WALES' MOST SIGNIFICANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES.

Elizabeth Skjelsvik, 'the cycling archaeologist' (1925-2018)

Elizabeth was a pioneering archaeologist who helped transform understanding of Norwegian archaeology. She was born and raised in Norway, but due to family connections spent her early twenties in south Wales. During this time, she worked at National Museum Cardiff, sorting Roman coins and potsherds. Later in her career, when back in Norway, she became known for her fieldwork by bicycle.

Although Elizabeth spent the majority of her life and career in her homeland of Norway, her time in Wales left a lasting impression. Sadly, she passed away in 2018, aged 92, leaving a generous bequest to the Archaeology Department at Amgueddfa Cymru.

Throughout her life, Elizabeth was dedicated to the recording of archaeological sites and a portion of her bequest has been used to support Wales' Portable Antiquities

Scheme – an initiative based at Amgueddfa Cymru which is dedicated to working with finders to identify their discoveries. This year, we'll be appointing an intern to this project to ensure the skills that Elizabeth valued are passed on to the next generation.

Elizabeth's gift has also supported work on one of Wales' most significant archaeological discoveries of recent years – an Iron Age chariot found in Pembrokeshire and excavated in partnership with young people from Pembroke College – as well as the purchase of a number of finds for the national collection.

Elizabeth's generous gift will continue to have an impact for years to come as we continue to develop our plans for a programme of public archaeology so that even more people can experience the excitement of research and discovery that was so important to her.



Image left: Bronze chariot fittings decorated with late Celtic Art designs, found at the burial site

Image right: National Slate Museum



“We are inspired by Amgueddfa Cymru, especially the heritage of our grandparent's generation whose stories are told at St Fagans and Big Pit. However, we wanted our legacy to facilitate young people in Wales to engage with the museums and tell their own stories in a way which inspires others now and in the future. The team helped us word our wills so we are confident our legacy will be used in the way we wish; Amgueddfa Cymru must continue to evolve and be relevant for entertainment and learning for generations to come. What memories will we leave behind for visitors in the 22nd century?”

The Jones', current legators

HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

While it's simple to leave a charity gift in your will, we recommend that you discuss your wishes with a solicitor or professional advisor to ensure your wishes are met and are legally binding.

First you must ask yourself what kind of gift you want to leave:

- *Pecuniary gift*: The gift of a fixed sum of money.
- *Residual gift*: The whole or a specific percentage of what's left after pecuniary gifts have been made and debts paid.
- *Specific gift*: The gift of a specific item, for example, a work of art, furniture or shares.

Your solicitor will be able to help with specific wording, however they will need the following information:

- Registered name:
National Museum of Wales
- Registered address:
Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NP
- Registered charity number:
525774

If you already have a will in place, you can make minor amendments, including adding charity gifts, using a codicil; there's no need to make a new will from scratch.

We also recommend you discuss your wishes with your family while drawing up your will.

Your gift, your legacy

Unrestricted gifts (gifts donated on a general basis), allow us to be flexible and decide how best to use your gift when the time comes.

We understand that many people feel passionate about a particular aspect of our work or one of our museums. If you do have conditions or wishes attached to your legacy gift, it's important you discuss these with us while writing your will so that we can ensure we'll be able to fulfill your wishes.

Tax efficient giving

We are a charity that aims to inspire everyone we reach through Wales' story. We rely on the generous support of individuals to continue the work we do.

Gifts to charities are exempt from inheritance tax, which means that leaving a gift to Amgueddfa Cymru may help reduce the tax due on your estate.

Everyone's tax situation is different. Your solicitor or professional adviser will be able to advise you about the ways charity gifts may reduce inheritance tax on your estate.

Gifts in memory

If you have a loved one who was passionate about Amgueddfa Cymru in their lifetime, donating a gift in their memory could be a touching way to celebrate their life. Gifts in memory can be donated towards a specific project or area of our work, or can be donated to us on a general basis.

We understand that our museums can hold special memories for families, and so we welcome requests, such as benches in memory of a loved one.

Leaving an item of national importance

Over the years, our collections have grown thanks to the generosity of individuals thinking of us when considering how to pass on their treasured possessions, and for this, we are incredibly grateful.

If you own a piece of art, furniture or object, perhaps an archaeological piece, we'd be grateful if you'd consider leaving it to Amgueddfa Cymru as a specific gift. Please let us know when you draw up your will so we can make sure we will be able to accept your item and look after it as you would wish.

If you are planning to leave Amgueddfa Cymru an object in your will, we'd be grateful if you would consider leaving a donation to support the costs that are associated with caring for the collection.

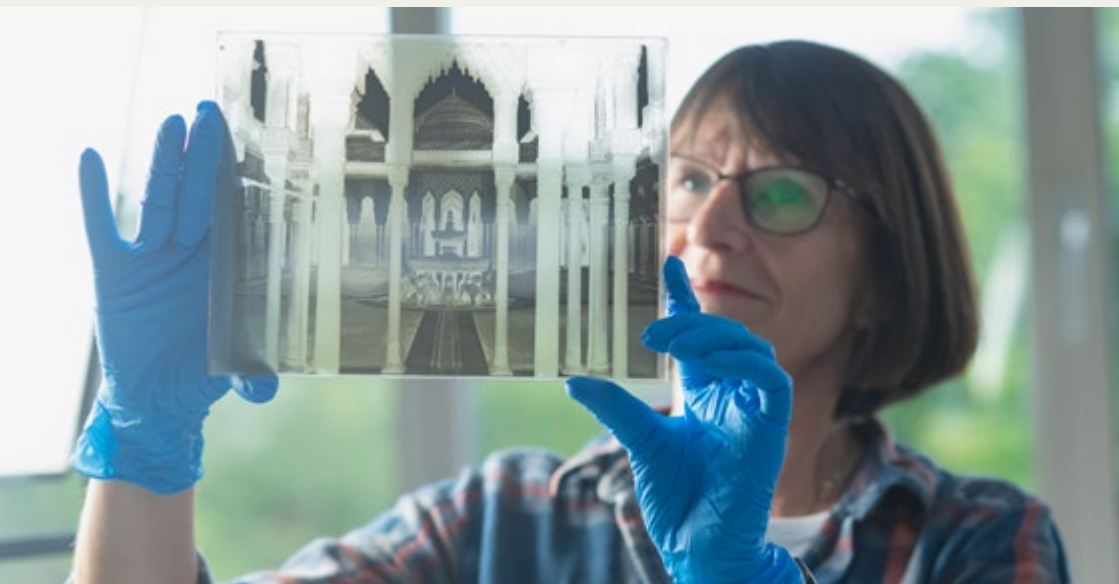


Image left: National Collections Centre

Image right: Handmade metal lovespoons, National Slate Museum

Letting us know about a gift

We understand that the details of your will are private. However, if you feel comfortable doing so, we would like to be able to thank you for including us in your will, and to discuss the positive impact your legacy gift will have.

If you're thinking of leaving a gift to a specific site, project or department, then it's important you speak to us so we can ensure we are able to fulfill your wishes.

