**National Free Wills Network**

1. **What is the National Free Wills Network (NFWN)?**

The NFWN is a service that offers free will writing at over 1,000 solicitors across the UK. It is a service available to people looking to have a simple will paid for by a charity.

However, if your will is complicated there may be fees for you to pay. Your solicitor will advise you about this.

The Network conforms to regulations of The Law Society of England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland as well as the Fundraising Regulator and the Chartered Institute of Fundraising.

1. **How can I use the National Free Wills Network (NFWN)?**

To use the Network you have to be referred by a charity. For us to be able to refer you, you need to complete the referral form <https://cuf.org.uk/willgift> and we will pass on your details and the process will begin.

1. **What happens once I completed the referral form?**

Once you have completed the form we pass your details and preferences to NFWN, so they can send you a pack. We will email you, so you know to look out for your pack which should arrive within two weeks. It will contain information about how the service works, and details of participating solicitors in your area.

If you don’t receive your pack please contact the Network and they will send a new pack to you: [www.nationalfreewills.net/supporters-contact/](file:///%5C%5CEgnyteDrive%5Ccuf%5CShared%5CDepartmentShare%5CSharepoint%5CFundraising%5CFundraising%20-%20Legacies%5C8.%20Resources%5CResources%202024%5CWebsite%20docs%5Cwww.nationalfreewills.net%5Csupporters-contact%5C)

1. **What do I do when I get the pack?**

When you get your pack, just choose and contact a solicitor from the list. To make sure you claim your free will you need to do that within 90 days of receiving the pack, and to arrange to see them (this can be for a future date over the 90 days). Make sure tell them you are being referred by the NFWN.

1. **What do I need to do before my appointment?**

Fill out our assets checklist and take it with you <https://cuf.org.uk/willgift>. It has all the information you need for the solicitor.

1. **What happens after the appointment?**

Your solicitor will draft your will and send it to you to check and if you are happy, sign and have it witnessed or ask you to come in to sign it and they can then witness it. Please note that both witnesses will need to be present at the same time when you are all signing it or it could make the will invalid. The solicitor should advise you on this.

You must fill in the Confidential Declaration Form included in your pack and give it to your solicitor for them to return to the National Free Wills Network. Church Urban Fund will then pay the agreed rate for your Will.

1. **Do I need to leave a gift to Church Urban Fund?**

Any gift you are able to include would be greatly valued, and would enable our work to continue far into the future, but of course there is no obligation.