

National Free Wills Network

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

The NFWN is a service available to anyone over the age of 55. They offer free Will writing at over 890 solicitors across the UK. This service is available to people looking to have a simple Will written. It is a service that is paid for by charities.

Please be aware that if your Will is a complicated one there may be fees to pay. Your solicitor will advise you about and required payments.

2. 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/what-can-you-do/leaving-a-gift-in-your-will>

3. What happens once I completed the referral form?

Once you have completed the form and allowed us to share your details with the Network we will pass them on and ask them to send you a pack. This pack will contain information about participating solicitors in your area and information about how the service works. You should receive this within two weeks.

If you don't receive your pack please contact the Network and they will arrange to have a new pack sent to you: www.nationalfreewills.net/supporters-contact/

4. What do I need to do when I receive the pack?

When you receive your pack you need to choose and contact a solicitor from the list that you want to use. To make sure you claim your free Will you need to contact this solicitor within 90 days of receiving the pack, and make an appointment to see them (this can be for a future date over the 90 days). Make sure you let them know you are contacting them because of a referral from the NFWN so they can mark it on your file.

5. What do I need to do before my appointment?

Please see our assets checklist and brochure for information about a Will using the links below. Make sure you know what and who you want to include in your Will. Your solicitor should be able to help you make sure that you don't miss anything, but it is a good plan to get as much information as possible together before you go.

https://cuf.org.uk/uploads/img/Gifts_in_Wills_A5_Brochure_Final_WEB.pdf

<https://cuf.org.uk/legacy-resources-2022>

6. What happens after the appointment?



Your solicitor will draft your Will and send it to you to sign and have witnessed, or ask you to come in to sign it and they can then witness it.

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

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

You are under no obligation to Church Urban Fund to leave us a gift in your Will, but please know that any gift would be valued and appreciated.