

# Free will writing service



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is providing the free will service?

Quakers in Britain have partnered with Octopus Legacy to enable supporters to have the opportunity to write their will for free. Octopus Legacy employ professional will writers to help people write their will. A number of charities including Quakers in Britain subscribe to the service to enable their supporters to write their will for free.

### Who is responsible for this service?

The responsibility for this service is with Octopus Legacy. They have separate terms and conditions which you can check before using the service.

### Is it suitable for everyone?

This service works well if you are making a simple or straightforward will. If you have a more complex estate, (e.g. if you have property abroad, own a business or wish to set up a trust) the free will service may not be appropriate.

### How does it work?

You can use an online platform to make a will online, or use their telephone or video call service, or you could talk to someone in person. Professional writers will review your will and advise you of any changes you need to make. When it is finalized, they will send you a copy that you will need to print out and have signed by two witnesses.

### I want to talk to someone about the free will service and what is included – who do I contact?

You can call Octopus Legacy on 020 4525 3605, quoting QuakerFree.

### Will Quakers in Britain be informed that I've made a will or see any details?

No, your will and your information is completely confidential and will not be shared with Quakers in Britain. We will only receive general statistical information such as the numbers of people using the service and numbers pledging a gift in their will to Quakers in Britain.

## What about the other options offered by Octopus, like the Lasting Power of Attorney and update service?

These are additional options offered by Octopus which are not part of the free offer, and you can choose to pay for them. The update service is free for the first year and then it is £10 a year. You can choose to cancel your subscription at any time.

## I would rather find my own solicitor or will writer myself– how can I do this?

You can contact the [Law Society of England and Wales](#) to find a solicitor in your area or the [Institute of Professional Will writers](#).

## Why are Quakers In Britain offering this service?

- 1) We think it's important for our spiritual life to put our affairs in order. "...advice on outward affairs has traditionally reminded Friends of the importance of keeping their financial affairs in good order, and of making and revising their wills in time of health."  
*Quaker faith & practice* 4.22
- 2) We know that many people delay making a will because of the cost and the perceived difficulty of doing so. This allows people to make a simple will in a straightforward way and for no cost.
- 3) Leaving a legacy allows us to live our Quaker testimonies after death. Through making a will, we are making things simple and straightforward for the loved ones we leave behind, reducing the complexities of dying intestate. We make it clear what our wishes are, reducing the possibility of disagreement or conflict, which gives our loved ones a greater sense of peace. Legacies can be left to Quaker work which promotes speaking truth to power and work to counter injustice and inequality.

## I'm looking for more general information about leaving a gift in my will for Quaker work.

For more information about leaving a gift in your will for Quaker work, please go to [www.quaker.org.uk/gifts-in-wills](http://www.quaker.org.uk/gifts-in-wills) or contact us at [contributions@quaker.org.uk](mailto:contributions@quaker.org.uk).