

## Let Smiles Like These Be **Your Legacy**


**Create cultural memories that last a lifetime by including a legacy gift to The Ark in your will.**

The Ark is where children come to discover and love art. More than a cultural centre, The Ark makes and shares great art by, for and about children, knowing the impact access to art and culture has on children's personal, academic and social development. The Ark is also a place where children can express themselves creatively and have their say, as is their right.

### **The Impact of Including a Legacy Gift to The Ark**

**A legacy gift to The Ark means sharing the magic of art and creativity – and its significant benefits – with thousands of children right across Ireland and especially those who might otherwise miss out.**

In 2017, The Ark received a legacy gift from a teacher whose many students enjoyed visits to The Ark since we opened our doors in 1995. This generous gift made it possible for us to found our Early Years Artist Residency, which gives an artist the opportunity to dedicate time and research to the development of artwork and arts experiences for children aged 2-4. Born from our knowledge of the incredible impact that the arts can have at this crucial developmental stage, this residency has been a truly invaluable addition to The Ark's offerings.



**“To me, The Ark is consistently warm, friendly, open, experimental, generous, playful, sensitive, exciting, enjoyable, and always an effective advocate for all children's artistic and social rights. In all of these ways, The Ark is essential to Irish cultural life and social development.”**

**- Lucy Hill, Early Years Artist in Residence 2018/19**

Since 2018, three artists have been given the opportunity to develop their practice in visual arts, drama and dance. Thanks to the generosity of one person who saw the value of what we do, over 5,000 young children have enjoyed artwork and activities made especially for them, while hundreds of parents, guardians and early years educators have been empowered to support childhood creativity.



## Light a Lifelong Spark of Creativity by Including a Legacy Gift for The Ark

Having a will ensures that your estate goes to the people and causes you care most about. After you have taken care of your family and loved ones, you can leave a truly memorable and inspiring legacy that will make an impact on the lives of future generations.

If you, your children or your grandchildren have ever enjoyed the excitement of a live performance, the curiosity of an exhibition or the inspiration of a hands-on creative experience, including a gift in your will to The Ark will ensure many more children can access and enjoy those same experiences long into the future.

### Learn More About Legacies at The Ark

To discuss legacy giving at The Ark, and why every gift is important to us and deeply appreciated, please contact Aideen McCole at [development@ark.ie](mailto:development@ark.ie) or by calling 01 899 4099.

You can read more about types of legacy gifts and our pledge of discretion to you at [www.ark.ie/support/legacy-giving-at-the-ark](http://www.ark.ie/support/legacy-giving-at-the-ark)

See the work we do year-round for all ages at [www.ark.ie](http://www.ark.ie)



Any legacy gift to The Ark will be used to enable children of all backgrounds to access art and culture at The Ark. We recognise the honour of being included in your will and we promise to use your gift wisely and effectively.