



Female statue at Buddhist temple providing offerings: view from the Big Buddha at Lantau Island, Hongkong. Credit: arturbo - Getty Images

Dana and will-making: how can we use foresight to support our Centre?

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Triratna and giving

- Generosity is an important part of Buddhist culture.
- None of us knows when we will die or what the world will need when we do.
- When we die we will probably want to leave something to those we love, our family and friends.
- Those we love can include our local Sangha, as well as participants in Triratna FutureDharma projects worldwide.

Why wait? The time is now

- Facing the reality of death can help us get on with living our life well.
- Writing a will can be an important spiritual practice in itself.
- A will helps us to identify what we value most and put our energy into it now.

Foresight in giving

- It's easier to write a will than you may think.
- You can draft it yourself, for example using a form you can buy at a stationer's and having it witnessed by someone. You can also use a lawyer or professional will writer.
- You can leave a particular amount of money or a percentage. A fixed amount may devalue over time, so many people choose to leave a percentage of the residuary of their estate.



I had certain amounts I wanted to leave for my son and my new granddaughter. Then the residue of my estate will be divided, 65% for FutureDharma Fund and 35% for the Sydney Buddhist Centre. FutureDharma can support sanghas around the world; populations where if they don't get funding from outside, the Dharma just won't reach them.

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A Triratna guide to wills as part of giving

<https://futuredharma.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Future-Dharma-Legacy.pdf>

Pass
it on.
Making
a will

The Centre needs support from us all

- Our Centre finances have been affected by the move to Royal Oak House, and this year by the Covid pandemic.
- Even as we reduce our expenses, generate new income and make Dana appeals, we face a shortfall that puts the Centre at risk.
- Our fundraising campaign aims to stimulate action to channel some of our present and future giving towards sustaining our Centre, as well as to Triratna FutureDharma projects worldwide.
- To let us know how you can help, or tell us if you would like to attend a will-writing workshop, write to the Fundraising Team at: info@wlbc.co.uk
- To donate, see:

<https://westlondonbuddhistcentre.com/about-us/how-to-help/>

