

**Write
Your Will
For Free**

**Leave a gift
in your Will
to Firstsite**

and keep creativity
thriving in East Anglia

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Thank you for considering a gift to Firstsite in your Will

At Firstsite, we believe art and creativity are essential to a happy, healthy society. This belief unites and inspires us, driving our mission to empower everyone – regardless of their background – to be creative and make a lasting impact through art, both today and for the future.

A gift in your Will to Firstsite – no matter how large or small – is about more than supporting a gallery. It is about helping creativity flourish in Colchester and beyond, for generations to come. Your gift can help us enable more people of all ages to express themselves, find joy, and build resilience through art.

“For as long as humans have existed, we have made art – to imagine, to connect, and to survive. If we stop making it, something vital in us disappears.”

Sally Shaw
Director at Firstsite



Will you help us secure the future of Firstsite?

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Types of gifts you can leave

Leaving a gift in your Will is one of the most meaningful ways you can support Firstsite. Once your loved ones are cared for, even a small percentage – as little as 1% – can help us ensure that art and creativity remain free, inclusive, and accessible for everyone, now and for generations to come.



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A share of your estate

You may wish to leave Firstsite all or part of what is left of your estate after other gifts and debts have been paid. This type of gift (known as a residuary bequest) has the advantage that it will not be eroded in value by inflation over the years.



A cash gift

You may wish to leave us a stated sum of money. With this kind of gift (known as a pecuniary bequest), it is important to remember that the value of money changes over the years, and you may need to alter your Will periodically to keep up with inflation.



A property

By leaving a property to Firstsite you can give support to thousands of children. For example, a property worth £350,000 could pay to run our Holiday Fun programme for 10 years, providing thousands of free meals and creative activities to children and families.



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Our free Will-writing service makes it simple!

We've partnered with Will-writing specialists Farewill to offer the opportunity to write or update your Will for free, with the support of a Wills specialist online, by telephone or in-person.

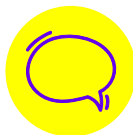
Three ways to get started



Online: We partner with Farewill (regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority), the largest Will writing service in the UK. Write your Will in the comfort of your own home – in as little as 20 minutes! Visit farewill.com/firstsite-1.



Telephone: Farewill also provides a telephone service. You can speak to a Will specialist on the phone who will guide you through the process. Call now on: **0203 318 4279**.



In-person: Meet with a local solicitor to have your Will made or updated for free. This service is provided by our partner, the National Free Wills Network. They'll send you a list of solicitors in your area. Simply fill out the form at: mynetworkportal.org/Firstsite.

Partnered with:



You can use our free Wills service whether you choose to leave a gift in your Will to Firstsite or not. Your Will writer will only act in your interests and on your instructions. Your Will is private to you. Firstsite will not receive a copy of this. We recommend you get independent legal advice from one of the suppliers above or your own solicitor.

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“Attending Holiday Fun has encouraged my family to be more creative by having a go and giving things a chance even if the tasks are challenging.”

Najma
Holiday Fun parent

**Read the full
story [here](#).**

Help support families like Najma's

Najma and her children have been part of Firstsite's Holiday Fun programme for five years, enjoying free meals, creative workshops, movement sessions, and exhibitions that have opened up new opportunities for the whole family.

Holiday Fun has boosted the children's confidence, creativity, and ability to express themselves, while Najma has rediscovered her own creative spark.

Our programme's inclusive approach and chance to learn from local artists have brought the family closer together and made weekends and holidays exciting. Her daughter Inez says:

“It helps me in school because before I was really bad at drawing but now I'm really good at it thanks to Firstsite.”

Through art and creativity, Holiday Fun has left a lasting impact on Najma's family. By leaving a gift in your Will, you can help reach even more families like Najma's – for generations to come.

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Why leave a gift in your Will to Firstsite?

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Right now, your support allows us to:

- **Keep our exhibitions free for everyone**, ensuring that art and culture are accessible to all.
- **Run Holiday Fun throughout school holidays**, where families can enjoy free healthy meals, creative activities, and movement sessions.
- **Support our Young Art Kommunity (YAK)**, which helps young people build confidence, skills and gain industry experience to secure a creative future.
- **Invest in long-term projects** that use art to tackle big challenges – from climate change to social isolation.
- **Equip young people with the creative skills** they need to navigate an uncertain world.

For as long as humans have existed, we've made art – to express beauty, confront conflict, make sense of complexity, and imagine new futures.

Firstsite's vision is to ensure creativity remains at the heart of how we live, learn, and come together – not just as entertainment, but as an essential part of a thriving society.

Your gift can ensure that Firstsite continues to inspire future generations, helping people thrive in uncertain times.

Will you join us?



£500

could support workshops for vulnerable groups.

Community projects



£1,000

could provide over 200 free meals for local children.

Holiday Fun



£2,500

could help bring internationally renowned art to our gallery, open to everyone.

Free exhibitions

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Suggested wording

Here is some suggesting wording you could use when writing your Will. Please note that the information provided below is suggested and does not constitute legal advice. We recommend always seeking your own legal advice when writing your will.

Residuary Gift

I give all the rest of my estate both real and personal to my Executors on trust to sell and convert the same into money and after payment of all my just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses to hold the net proceeds of sale and the net rents and profits until sale upon trust to pay them to Firstsite (Registered Charity Number 1031800) of Lewis Gardens, High Street, Colchester, Essex C01 1JH, and I declare that the receipt in writing of the treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of that charity shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors. There are tax implications to leaving your residuary estate to charity and non-charity beneficiaries. We recommend seeking professional advice if this is the case.

Pecuniary Gift

I give to Firstsite (Registered Charity Number 1031800) Lewis Gardens, High Street, Colchester, Essex C01 1JH, the sum of £X for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of its Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors.



Did you know you can leave Firstsite a small sum of money or percentage (even 1%) in your Will?

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Terms and conditions

Summary of free Will writing service

Firstsite has partnered with two Will writing services: Farewill Ltd (online and telephone Wills) and the National Free Wills Network (solicitor based Wills).

Farewill and the National Free Wills Network have control of and are responsible for preparing your Will, not Firstsite. Firstsite recommends that you carry out your own independent research on the providers which we are partnered with, and other Will writers, and only choose the services of the providers if you are satisfied with their quality of service.

There is no obligation to include a gift in your Will to Firstsite to use either free Will writing service.

Farewill and the National Free Wills Network will be acting only in your interests and on your instructions. You will not be able to get a free Will from either Farewill or the National Free Wills Network unless you agree to their terms and conditions. Firstsite reserves the right to pause or withdraw the free Will writing services.

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Online Wills

- Farewill online Will writing service is only available in England and Wales.
- Once you have made your Will through Farewill, they will provide Firstsite with your name, address, date of birth and email. Together with the date the Will was made, the voucher code used and if a gift to Firstsite was included. They will also inform Firstsite of whether you have given permission to be contacted by the charity by phone, email or via post. At Firstsite, we want to be very clear about how we use, store and protect your personal data. You can read about this at <https://firstsite.uk/privacy-policy/>.
- Firstsite does not receive or have access to a copy of the Will made.

Telephone Wills

- The Farewill telephone Will writing service is available in England (including Isles of Scilly and Isle of Wight), Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
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Contact us if you have any questions about Firstsite, about how your legacy might make a difference, or about any aspect of using these services, including any feedback, by emailing legacies@firstsite.uk.

For further information about our work and gifts in Wills, please call us on **01206 713 700** or email us at legacies@firstsite.uk.

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Support the Next Generation of Artists

Your gift could help fund our Young Artist Kommunity (YAK) programme, giving future generations a safe space to explore their creativity.

Beth, Age 24

I experienced challenges with trying to find creative spaces. It's hard to find creative spaces especially if you are in the young adult, early 20s bracket. I think there should be more YAKs everywhere because if your main hobbies are creative or artistic it can sometimes be isolating when there are limited opportunities.

I like being able to talk to people while doing projects I enjoy at the same time. I also like how YAK exposes you to more creative opportunities i.e. the youth climate summit.

YAK has helped me to grow a lot. I'm more confident and more knowledgeable about how to use different art materials. It made me consider myself to be an artist more than before. I have been a member of YAK for a long time, and it has given me lots of positive experiences.

Art can have a big impact on people's lives whether for the audience or for the person making, as a hobby or a career.



Moth, Age 18

I enjoy having a regular artistic group to interact with and be creative at. I loved the first session I joined where we went on a foraging walk around Highwoods and collected clay from the stream.

YAK helped me be more comfortable trying new art forms and being bad at them because there's no judgement and no pressure to be good at anything.

I had my animation shown in the Lunar Lullabies exhibition. I loved seeing my work be part of a group exhibition that was on over the whole summer. It was nice to show work in a professional environment as it felt like I could take myself seriously as an artist.

YAK introduced me to new art forms and subjects like foraging for natural pigments and art in folklore that have helped me work out how to use my creative skills in a historical and archaeological career.



Jessie, Age 22

When looking for other opportunities around Colchester on return from uni, it was challenging to find entry-level/youth opportunities. I felt worried if returning would limit my creative progress due to this. YAK gives a free space to create. Weekly and routine time creates stability in the week for creativity and to meet like-minded people your age or in similar stages of artistic journeys.

Taking part in exhibitions at Firstsite was very exciting. I had fun creating ideas for exhibition themes and exhibited at the Minorities too. It gave me confidence in art and understanding of processes in submitting artwork. It made me think about jobs in gallery spaces, gave understanding about marketing, workshop facilitators and curating. My exhibition work was sold in the shop – very cool! It was exciting to see my work in different contexts.

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