



The  
University  
Of  
Sheffield.

# A LEGACY TO SHEFFIELD.

*Rerum Cognoscere Causas*  
“To discover the causes of things”



“ There are few earthly things more splendid than a University... Wherever a University stands, it stands and shines; wherever it exists, the free minds of men, urged on to full and fair enquiry, may still bring wisdom into human affairs.

There are few earthly things more beautiful than a University. It is a place where those who hate ignorance may strive to know, where those who perceive truth may strive to make others see...

There are few things more enduring than a University... for century after century the University will continue, and the stream of life will pass through it, and the thinker and the seeker will be bound together in the undying cause of bringing thought into the world. ”

**John Masefield**

From a speech by John Masefield, Poet Laureate, at the installation of the 6th Earl of Harewood as Chancellor of the University of Sheffield, 25th June 1946.





# INTRODUCTION

## Notable Nobel Prize winners

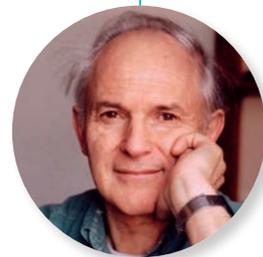
- **1945 Lord Florey**  
Isolating and purifying penicillin
- **1953 Sir Hans Krebs**  
Development of the Krebs Cycle
- **1967 Lord Porter**  
Discovery of flash photolysis
- **1993 Sir Richard Roberts**  
Discovery of split genes
- **1996 Sir Harry Kroto**  
Discovery of a new form of carbon – buckminsterfullerene

The University of Sheffield has long been recognised as one of the UK's leading universities. Quality assessments have confirmed our reputation for excellence. They rate teaching standards extremely highly and endorse the University's status as a centre for world-class research.

The University's long-standing commitment to study and learning across the full spectrum of disciplines has earned it many scientific and academic distinctions. Five Nobel Prize winners are among its alumni and former staff. It has won four prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education.

Sheffield is a popular university with students and the quality of student experience is second to none. With more than 25,000 full and part time students, including international students from more than 120 countries, we have the opportunity to make use of our impressive talent to build on remarkable success.

To help us meet the challenges and seize the opportunities of the 21st century, we will need the support of benefactors who recognise the vital role that the University can play in today's society.

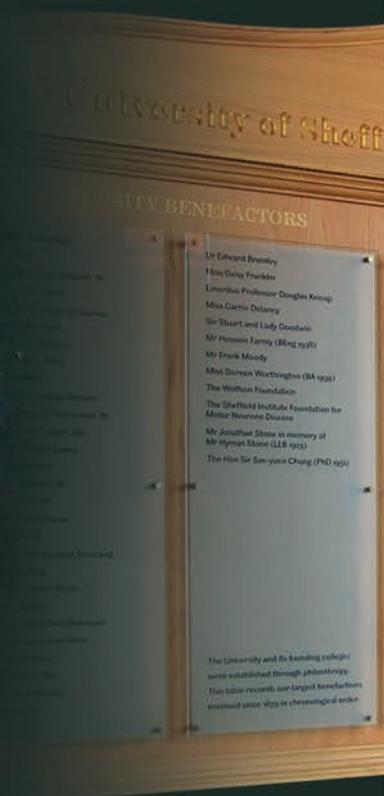
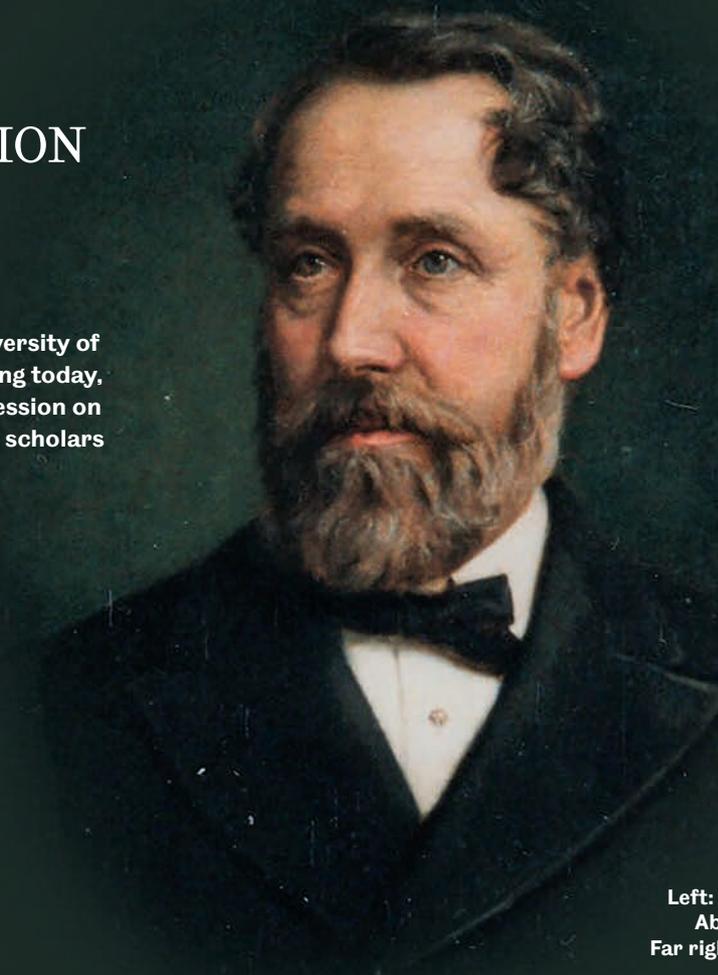




Your legacy to Sheffield will help us continue to offer the very best in learning and teaching, and in turn to maintain our reputation by attracting excellent students.

# A HISTORY AND TRADITION OF GIVING

Pledging a legacy to the University of Sheffield will cost you nothing today, but will leave a lasting impression on generations of students and scholars to come.



**Left:** Mark Firth, the University's founding father  
**Above:** The Benefactors' Board in Firth Court  
**Far right:** Twikker fundraising from 1940 and 1958

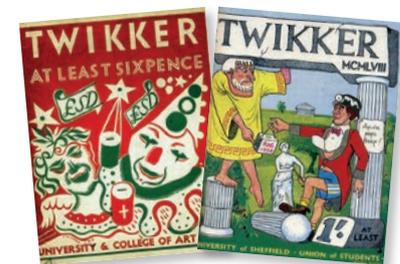


The University of Sheffield was founded, more than a century ago, upon the generosity of individual benefactors. Its original colleges – Firth College, the Sheffield Technical School and the Sheffield School of Medicine – were established thanks to generous individual benefactions and penny donations from the people of Sheffield.

Since its earliest days, legacy gifts have provided a vital source of funds for the University. There are many examples of important bequests, large and small, that have helped to shape the University, from its foundation to the present day. Many hundreds of generous alumni, staff, friends and supporters have pledged legacies, recognising how the University and the lives of others locally, nationally and internationally will benefit from their planned support.

In 1879 Mark Firth, a local businessman, industrialist and former Mayor of Sheffield donated £20,000 to build the original Firth College. The city recognised his foresight, with the Borough of Sheffield expressing its heartfelt gratitude to Mark Firth for his interest in “the moral and intellectual welfare of his fellow-townsmen by having at his sole expense erected a noble building known by the name of Firth College... for the purposes of higher education.”

In 1883 the Mayor of Sheffield and the Master Cutler issued a joint appeal to the public for funds to build a new Medical School, to replace the original school established in 1828. The sum of £5,000 was sought and within five years a new building had opened opposite Firth College.



In 1884 Sir Frederick Mappin, a local industrialist and MP, started to fundraise for a new technical department in Firth College. £10,240 was raised in donations, sufficient for a start to be made on a new building at Mappin Street. It opened in 1886 as the Sheffield Technical School, and is still home to the University's engineering departments.

In 1905 William Edgar Allen, on the day the University opened, promised £10,000 for the building of its Library. The distinctive octagonal "chapter house" library is now known as the Rotunda and remains a focal point of the University, housing the offices of the Vice-Chancellor. During the First World War Mr Allen gave over £37,000 to provide scholarships.

In 1934 mail order pioneer John George Graves recognised the significance of student welfare when he made a donation of £19,222 to build the original Students' Union. The Union has outgrown its original home, but students still work in and enjoy this great building in the stylish Interval café.

In 1959 Sheffield philanthropist Sir Stuart Goodwin saw an opportunity to expand and improve the University greatly in the 1950s and gave generous gifts amounting to £177,000 to ensure that sports facilities second to none were provided for Sheffield students. The Goodwin Sports Centre remains a key part of student life, and enables the University to compete in many sports to the highest levels.

You can read more about recent legacy gifts in our annual newsletter "*A Legacy to Sheffield*".

### Early legacies

- 1879 Mark Firth
- 1884 Sir Frederick Mappin
- 1905 William Edgar Allen
- 1934 John George Graves
- 1959 Sir Stuart Goodwin



The Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience is the University's international centre of excellence for research into neurodegenerative diseases. £10 million was donated to build SITraN and gifts of all kinds continue to accelerate its research.



# WHAT IMPACT DO LEGACIES HAVE?

## KARL BOULTON, MBCHB 2013

Karl was a beneficiary of the Sheffield Outreach and Access to Medicine Scheme. Dr Anne Walker, MBChB 1958, MD 1965 made a £10,000 provision in her Will to ensure that students studying Medicine at the University could be given a “helping hand”.

*“Scholarships are often pivotal to the decision of whether a bright and talented student comes to university or not. Your gifts act as a door to education and as a source of inspiration to those who have the ability to succeed but just need that extra push in the right direction.*

*I am so grateful for the scholarship and I want to say a huge thank you to the generous individuals who contribute to the University. When I received the scholarship I felt an even greater dedication to learning and I was inspired by the thought that there are people behind me who believe in me.*

*The donation you can provide will allow students to realise their potential and become the professionals of the future.”*



Dr Anne Walker

**CATHIE WRIGHT, BA 2011, MA 2012**

Cathie was a recipient of a Dr Marjorie Shaw Bursary set up by a former member of staff who gave over 30 years of service to the University. Dr Shaw supported her old department with a £165,000 gift in her Will.

*“I would like to say thank you – such generosity and kindness, no matter how big or small, makes an enormous impact on the lives of the students it helps. I am eternally grateful to the kind donation made by Marjorie Shaw as it has allowed me to carry out research in a field that I love and takes me one step closer to a career in academia. The support you give to the University is priceless.”*



Dr Marjorie Shaw



## MEGAN BMUS CURRENT STUDENT

Megan is the first student to benefit from the use of the 1791 Joannes Varotti violin donated to the University from the estate of the late Rachael Brook, MBChB 1956.

*“I feel honoured to receive this violin. It produces a gorgeously deep, rich tone effortlessly and is a delight to play. I know we will achieve so much together and it will help me enormously improve as a player and ultimately shape my future career in music. I only hope I can do this beautiful violin justice.”*

Dr Brook donated over £20,000 during her lifetime and left a generous legacy of £30,000, both of which have supported scholarships for medical undergraduate students.



## SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY

Many teaching, learning and performance facilities have benefited from the generosity of two of the University's most dedicated supporters. For over 70 years, Gerard Young, Hon LLD 1962 and Diana Young, BSc 1937, Hon MA 1968 supported the University and the city, both financially and as active members of the community. Gerard was a member of the University Council and served as Pro-Chancellor for 16 years. Diana was a magistrate and took great interest in the development of the women's halls of residence.

The University received £25,000 from Gerard's estate and used these funds to create the much used Gerard Young group study room in the Information Commons. Diana kindly donated £25,000 during her lifetime towards scholarships for undergraduate students. Diana died in her 97th year and in 2013 the University received £40,000 from her estate, which has allowed the University to transform the study spaces at the Western Bank Library, refurbish the Physical Chemistry teaching laboratory and enhance the University's Drama Studio.



Dr Rachael Brook

# WHY HAVE OTHERS PLEDGED A GIFT IN THEIR WILL?

## **DR DANIEL PETRIE, MBCHB 2005** **DR CASSIE PETRIE, MBCHB 2004**

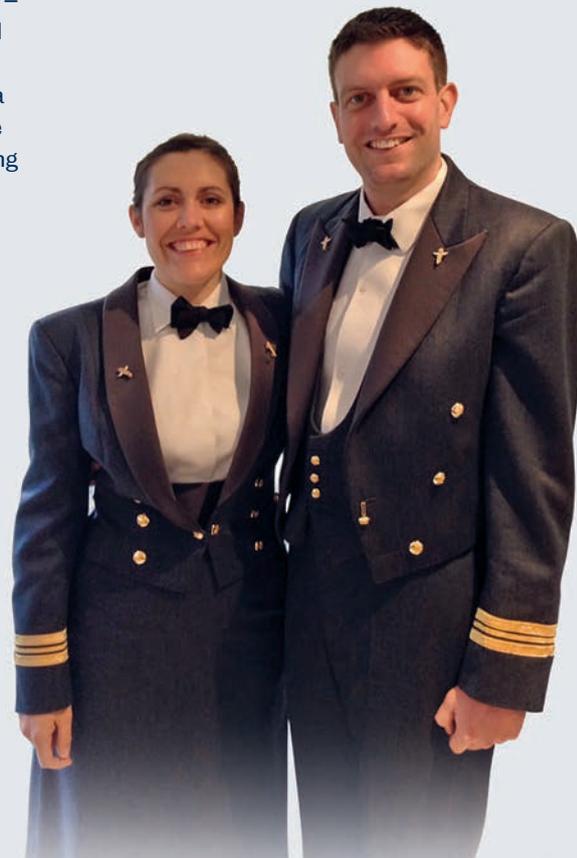
We both studied Medicine at Sheffield – it's where we met and joined the Royal Air Force. Once we started a family, we thought it was important to make a Will and give back to the institution we both started out from. It is a lovely thing to know that when our time is up, our children and grandchildren will know that our Sheffield years were such an important and happy part of our lives. These were the years that shaped us.

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“ In bequeathing (this gift) to the University of Sheffield, I do so in the thought of the great privilege it has been throughout my life to belong to the University. May the money be used for improving facilities for women's sports? After all, I held the long jump record for nearly 26 years! ”

**Mrs M Cairns (née Mellor)**

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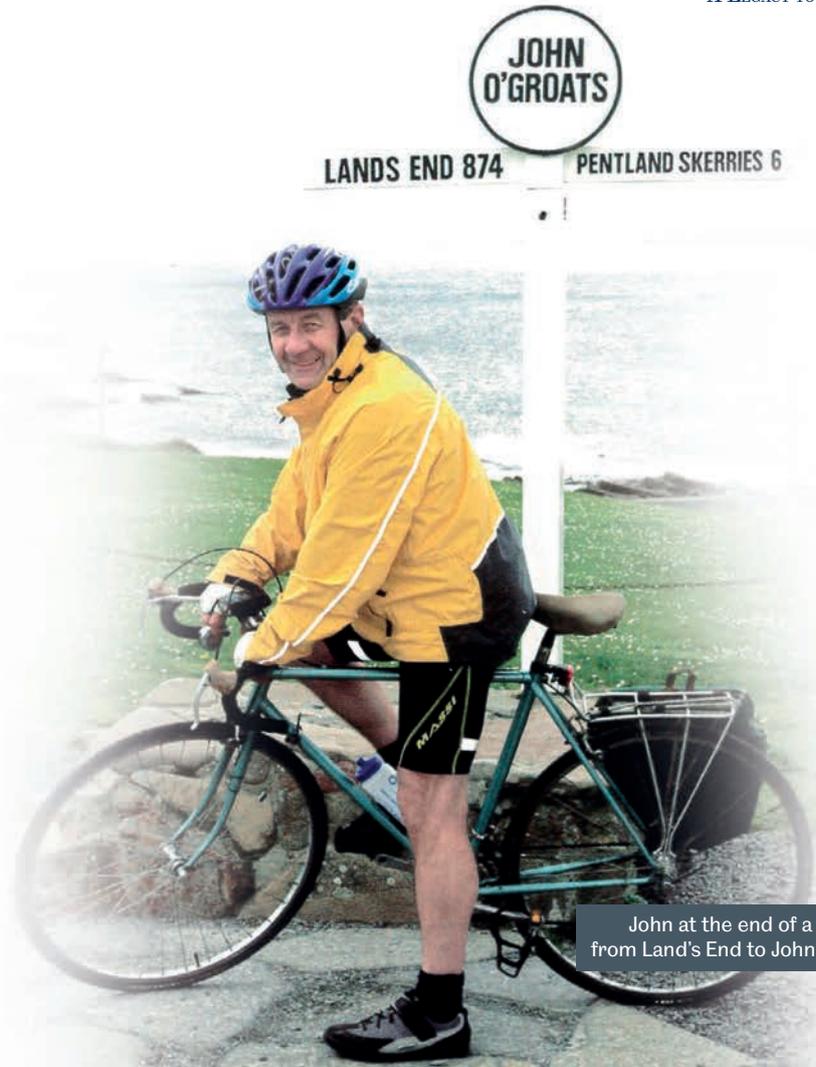
## JOHN HOPKINS, BA (Econ) 1960

The ongoing health of Sheffield University means a lot to me. My family's connections go back two generations: my grandfather, G H Froggatt, helped to found the Dental School in 1905, and my mother graduated in law in 1933.

My time at the University was a very happy one and I am pleased to say that five of the eight of us in the year keep in close touch with regular reunions, including the Millennium celebration in 2000, the University's Centenary celebrations in 2005 and a special lunch to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our graduation in 2010.

I understand that Sheffield has a higher retention of former University graduates wanting to continue living and working here than any other university city in the country. This is a tribute both to the city's wonderful location and a desire to keep in touch with the University and its ongoing development.

This is why I have supported the University of Sheffield and continue to do so.



John at the end of a cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats.

## **RICHARD HOLLOX, BA 1965**

I registered as a new Geography student in the early sixties, leaving my Norfolk home for the first time. And you know I still recall the warm welcome I received from the University, and from the friendliest city in the country.

Sheffield University gave me a chance in life and I want others to benefit in the same way from the opportunities it provides.

I have included a gift to the University of Sheffield in my Will and I do so because I believe in the University and I would encourage fellow alumni to do the same.



## **EILEEN CLARK, BA 1956**

In 1952 I was overjoyed to be accepted into the French Department since it had been my dream to study French and Latin from the tender age of eleven.

I expected to find accomplished teachers and academic challenges. I did not expect to find such compassionate and concerned teachers as Professor Lawton and Dr Shaw who enabled me to complete my degree when my health was impaired by a tubercular infection which necessitated the postponement of my final exams from 1955 to 1956.

As I approach my eightieth birthday I look back with gratitude for these fine mentors who enabled me to fulfil my ambitions and to teach hundreds of British and American students for forty-three years, and to my Sheffield experience which enriched so many aspects of my life.

In appreciation I have left a planned gift in my Will and encourage other alumni to do the same.

## KITTY HUNG, PHD 1998

When I was studying for my PhD at the Department of Computer Science, I got a lot of help and support from the academic and technical staff in the department but also the University Library. Without their help, I wouldn't have been able to achieve my goal and finish my studies.

I watched one of my friends really struggle financially through their studies and this has really motivated me to give something back. I am pleased that my support can go towards helping a student achieve their very best whilst at the institution that I got so much from.

In 2015 Kitty ran the London and Milton Keynes marathons on consecutive weekends to raise money for student scholarships at the University.



# HOW YOUR LEGACY CAN SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY

With your help we can preserve our rich tradition of excellence and diversity, and continue to achieve excellence and create opportunity in a fast changing world.

When you are thinking about supporting the University, let your experiences guide you to help you decide how your gift will support the next generation of Sheffield students and staff. It is these people who will make the future ground-breaking discoveries and continue to enable the University to be a force for good in society.

Unrestricted gifts offer the University the greatest flexibility to allocate your support carefully to an area of most need. However, when speaking with many alumni, staff and friends they have a strong link with a specific area of the University. This may be their department, a sports team, medical research or financial support they received during their time in Sheffield.

## **Specified legacies**

If you are planning to leave a legacy for a specific cause at the University, or for an endowment fund linked to a prize or scholarship, we would be delighted to discuss this with you and help you with your will wording. Our annual newsletter

*“A Legacy to Sheffield”* gives you many examples of how our supporters have directed their gifts to specific areas of the University.

## **I don't mind where my legacy is allocated. How will my unrestricted gift be used?**

We are always happy to receive unrestricted gifts, and these are carefully allocated in an area of greatest need. For example, Dr David Ryan, MBChB left a modest unrestricted legacy to support the University. For many years the Health Sciences Library had wanted to convert an old storage space into a collaborative study space for students. Dr Ryan's legacy was the catalyst to attract funding from the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health, the Alumni Fund, the University Library and the Medical Students Society, Med Soc. The students are delighted to have a communal area in the library where they can come together and discuss their work in more detail.

### **Will my family ever know how my legacy has been used?**

In the example on the previous page we were delighted to invite Dr Ryan's family back to the University to officially open the new study room. When appropriate, we are very keen to keep families and friends informed as to how a legacy has been used, for example by sending them future copies of our Legacy Newsletter or inviting them to the University. We regularly receive very positive feedback from families who appreciate the care we have taken to ensure a legacy has the best possible impact.

*"Thank you so much for including Mum in the latest "A Legacy to Sheffield" newsletter – it was a lovely surprise and my Dad and brothers were also very heartened to read it."*

### **I cannot make a large gift, so is it worth making a legacy?**

The University has in the past been very fortunate in receiving significant bequests and we hope that such generous

benefaction will continue in the future. However it has also received many modest gifts, which together are just as valuable.

Sometimes small sums can have a great impact: a modest legacy gift to alleviate financial hardship, to help specific research or to fund a student club or society can change the whole direction of a student's life or research.

### **A gift in your Will from overseas**

The University is fortunate to benefit from legacy gifts from around the world. Should you require help, please get in contact and we can help to plan your gift to support the University.

Bequests specifically made by United States taxpayers to the University of Sheffield in America are deductible for US estate tax purposes and there is no limit on the amount of charitable estate tax deduction. Further information and suggested wording is included in the back of this brochure.

**When supporting the University you can be sure that 100% of your gift will be channelled into the areas you support and have a significant impact.**

# OTHER WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY

## **In memory donations**

Please notify us if your gift is being left in memory of a loved one. We feel it is important to attribute the gift to their memory and recognise any connection they may have had to the University.

## **Funeral collections**

The University is also fortunate to receive donations through funeral collections. Please pass our details on to your friends and family; we will be happy to help them in the process of setting up a collection in your memory.

## **A gift now**

Please consider a donation to the University today. Your gift will enable us to support projects that most directly effect students' University experience, helping them to achieve their full potential. We distribute scholarships, enhance facilities and provide grants to student sports clubs and societies.

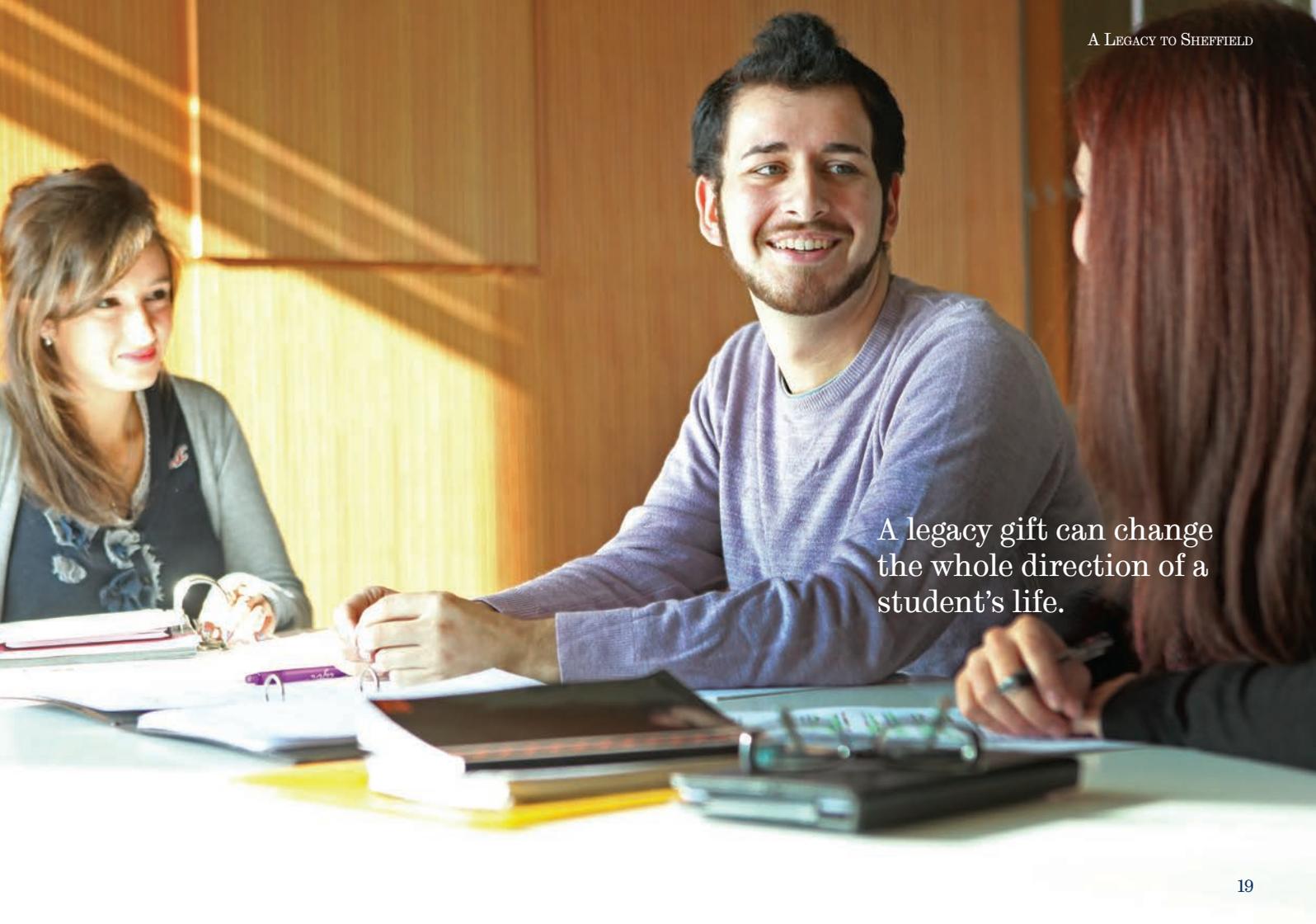
For information on any aspect of supporting the University, please contact the Development Officer – Legacies (see page 23).

## **Your wishes are important to us**

The University is constantly evolving and it is important to us that your wishes remain relevant in many years to come. Please do fill in the pledge form at the back of this brochure and let us know about your wishes. It is also important to us to be able to thank you and add you to the Heritage Circle.

## **Volunteering**

Volunteering at the University is a fantastic way to stay connected whilst making a huge difference to current and prospective students. Former students can offer an insight into life after graduation and provide a network for students who may not have friends or family who have attended University or who are in their chosen career.



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the whole direction of a  
student's life.

# OUR THANKS TO YOU —

## The Heritage Circle.

Recognising Visionary Giving.

The Heritage Circle was created to recognise and celebrate the special commitment of people who choose to support the University with a legacy gift.

By joining the Heritage Circle, you will ensure a more prosperous and confident future for the University. You will be showing your faith in Sheffield's tradition of excellence and your commitment to future generations of Sheffield students and staff.

The University is delighted to recognise members of the Heritage Circle by:

- presenting them with a Silver Arrows lapel pin
- inviting them to the annual Heritage Circle lunch held at the University
- offering a tour of the campus, including access to buildings that are not open to the public
- sending our annual newsletter, *'A Legacy to Sheffield'*
- offering priority invitations to donor and alumni events in prestigious venues such as the House of Lords and the Royal Society
- creating a gift certificate for legacy gifts of £20,000 or more

In addition, once a gift matures, major Legacy donors will have their name recorded on our Benefactors' Board in the foyer of the University's most prestigious building, Firth Court.



The Quadrangle at Firth Court

# FACTS FOR YOUR SOLICITOR

The University of Sheffield is an exempt charity (reference X 1089), and is therefore exempt from Inheritance Tax. This means that the University pays no tax on gifts of money or property made in your lifetime or after your death, and a legacy to the University normally reduces tax payable on your estate.

For the purposes of your Will, the University Secretary is the official contact person for the University.

The University's formal address is:

The University of Sheffield  
Firth Court  
Western Bank  
Sheffield  
S10 2TN

Any general legacy administration should be sent to the Development Officer – Legacies (see page 23).

You will find the following three handouts in this brochure:

## **Suggested wording**

We are always happy to discuss your will wording and draft some ideas for you to consider.

## **Codicil form**

If you already have a Will it is even easier to include a legacy to the University of Sheffield. Complete the enclosed form, including having your signature witnessed by two people who are not related to you or to any person mentioned in your Will. You should then send it to the person who currently has your Will and ask them to store it with (but not stapled, clipped or pinned to) your Will.

It would be helpful to send a copy of the completed codicil to the University.

**We recommend that you seek professional advice to check your suggested wording or when you make a codicil.**

## Pledge form

If you have decided to include the University of Sheffield in your Will, it would help us if you could let us know using the pledge form included in this brochure. Your reply will be treated in the strictest confidence. This will enable us to express our thanks to you and keep you informed about developments at the University of Sheffield.

## Who to contact

If you would like to discuss, in confidence, any aspect of leaving a legacy gift to the University of Sheffield, please contact:

**Development Officer – Legacies**  
 Development, Alumni Relations and Events  
 40 Victoria Street  
 Sheffield  
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Telephone: 0114 222 1073  
 Email: [alumni@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@sheffield.ac.uk)  
 Website: [www.shef.ac.uk/legacies](http://www.shef.ac.uk/legacies)

## Thank You

Private philanthropy now makes the difference between a good university and an outstanding one. Your donation will have a profound effect on future generations of students.

Leaving a legacy is one of the most simple and flexible ways of giving. It enables you to make a significant gift to support the charities that are close to your heart.





Dr Rachael Brook Scholars

“ I would like to say thank you, not only for the financial help but also for being an inspiration. I have been driven to work even harder because someone has invested their money and believed in me. I feel inspired to do the best I can, not only for myself, but to make Rachael Brook proud. ”

Current medical student Jena Mamdani is one of many students who have benefited from the generosity of Dr Rachael Brook, MBChB 1956. Dr Brook donated over £20,000 during her lifetime and left a generous legacy of £30,000, both of which have supported scholarships for medical undergraduate students.

# A UNIVERSITY FOR SHEFFIELD



THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY BUILDING.

## You should support the University because:

1. The UNIVERSITY will be for the people.
2. The UNIVERSITY will bring the highest education within the reach of the child of the working man.
3. The UNIVERSITY will help the local industries.
4. The UNIVERSITY will be the centre where the treatment of accidents and diseases will be studied.
5. SHEFFIELD is the only large City in England without a University. Sheffield cannot afford to remain in this position.
6. The UNIVERSITY will not only benefit this district, it will assist the nation in its trade competition with other nations.

Ask at your works or shop for a copy of the Pamphlet on the University Movement.



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This is the original fundraising poster from 1904/1905 which helped raise donations for the University of Sheffield.

Over £50,000 (worth more than £15 million today) was donated by steelworkers, coal miners, factory workers and the people of Sheffield in penny donations to help found the University.

A century on, philanthropy has continued to play a huge part in building the University of Sheffield – and with your support will continue to do so.

### Development Officer – Legacies

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