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Remembering Roehampton



Saint Ursula, Sir Edward Burne-Jones

## Leave your legacy

The University of Roehampton holds an abiding belief in the power of education to transform lives and communities, a commitment to encouraging the personal potential and social awareness of individuals, and a passion for the highest quality education and scholarship.

A gift in your Will to the University of Roehampton, including the four constituent colleges, has the capacity to be genuinely transformative for our students. It is a powerful statement of support that enables you to make a difference for future generations.

I am proud to be Vice-Chancellor of Roehampton University and to experience the unique community spirit that was borne out of its collegiate foundations: Digby Stuart; Froebel; Southlands; and Whitelands Colleges. Today we continue to uphold the principles of the founding Colleges in making life-long education accessible to everyone. Indeed, a significant number of our students are the first in their families to attend university and we continue to change lives by helping all our students develop the knowledge and skills they need for a successful graduate career and fulfilling life.

There is a long history of philanthropy dating back to 1874 when the beautiful stained glass windows for the newly erected Whitelands Chapel, designed by Sir Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris, were paid for by each senior girl giving £1 from their first salary, such was their love for the College.

By leaving a legacy in your Will you will be joining a family of benefactors who share our passion for the benefits a university education offers whilst contributing to our history of philanthropy. Any legacy gift, large or small, will make a real difference in a way that matters most to you, creating a lasting impact that will support the University in ensuring future generations are equipped with the education, facilities and life skills necessary to make a meaningful contribution to society.

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## Inspire the next generation

**Barbara Ward (née Weston)**, (1944–2019)  
Froebel College, 1963–66

Throughout her varied career, Barbara was a passionate, committed and caring teacher of young children. She was loved by her pupils and respected by her colleagues and by parents.

Barbara's generous legacy bequest to the University of Roehampton will support future Early Years provision and training.

At the time of Barbara's legacy, her husband, Peter, affirmed that "the donation Barbara has made to the University is due to the fact that she so enjoyed her time at Froebel and to honour the teaching of young children that was the key focus of her long and productive career. She followed the principles of Froebel throughout, using them creatively to ensure that pupils in her care received the very best start to their education." Since publication of this brochure, we have received notification of the sad news that Peter Ward has passed away. Our condolences are with the family.



*Dr. Jose Magalhaes*

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Born in Viana do Castelo, Portugal, Jose came to Roehampton in 2015 to embark upon his PhD. He is one of the first members of his family to attend university and is the first in his family to achieve a doctorate.

“Growing up, I wouldn't have believed you if you had told me I would earn a PhD in London! This incredible opportunity would never have been possible without the financial support offered by the University of Roehampton. My scholarship from the University not only heightened my educational prospects and potential professional path; it changed my entire life. After completing my PhD, I have very happily remained at Roehampton. Here, I have a place and a community that made me feel welcomed from the start, and my life is far better because of it. I'm eternally grateful to the donors that made all of this possible and am looking forward to doing my part in helping future Roehampton students benefit from the same opportunities that were provided to me.”

## Support life changing research



*Professor Ockelford at the Eastwoods Nursery School*

### Sounds of Intent

Sounds of Intent is a pioneering music scheme for children with special educational needs and disabilities, including autism, learning difficulties and sensory impairment. It has been developed at the Applied Music Research Centre at the University of Roehampton through two decades of research. Today, around 4 out of 5 special schools for children with complex needs in the UK make use of Sounds of Intent resources, as well as many charities and other organisations that offer music to schools.

Sounds of Intent is transforming thousands of young people's lives in the UK and beyond by giving parents and teachers ideas for how to use music to help their children communicate with others, form relationships, understand the world around them and – above all – have fun!

The Sounds of Intent project was only made possible by the University of Roehampton's foresight and entrepreneurial spirit in allowing Professor Adam Ockelford and his team the many hundreds of hours it has taken to develop the new materials, and to try them out in the field. The University is now recognised as a world leader in the field of music and special needs, and regularly receives visitors from all over the world who are keen to emulate our success.

As one parent put it: "Music is not a 'nice to have' in my child's life – it is essential for her to make contact with other people and to feel good about herself. Thanks to the musical ideas set out in Sounds of Intent, my child's life has been turned around. Before, she was desperate: misunderstood, angry and depressed, and unable to make her feelings known. Now she is fulfilled, happy and loves the company of others. She will always have autism and severe learning difficulties – but now she can't wait to get up in the morning and start making music."

The Sounds of Intent project with its training programme, published materials and online resources – used across the world – cost several hundreds of thousands of pounds over its two decades of development. This funding was entirely philanthropic, with a number of foundations and wealthy individuals having the vision to support its development.

While the Sounds of Intent team is proud of what it has achieved, there remains much to be done, and we are currently pioneering new resources for young children with autism, for those who are deaf and for those with the most profound disabilities. It is essential that the resources and services that we offer or make possible are kept up-to-date with the latest cutting edge research, and so more funding is always required. But every pound donated is a pound well spent.

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**Endorse professorial work**



## Provide for the future

Legacies of any size are welcome and will support the University's long term future. While an unrestricted gift will provide us with the flexibility to respond to a current priority, you might wish to support the following:

- Area of greatest need
- Student hardship
- Scholarships
- Bursaries
- Estates and Heritage

*Roehampton Library – RIBA London Award 2018 and RIBA National Award 2018*

## Be part of something special

The University of Roehampton is an exempt charity. Legacies provide Roehampton with the opportunity to both plan ahead and respond to our immediate needs.

Legacies are a traditional form of giving to a charity and one of the easiest ways of making a gift that has benefit for you and the University. The University of Roehampton, as an exempt charity, pays no tax on gifts of money or property bequeathed in this way.

Additionally, the gift may have benefits for your estate by reducing the amount liable to Inheritance Tax.

# Leaving your legacy

There are four primary ways of leaving a gift to Roehampton in your Will:

A share of your estate – You may decide to donate all or part of your estate, after you have seen to your loved ones and to any other causes close to your heart. This donation is known as a **residuary bequest**, which ensures that the value of your estate is not eroded by inflation.

A monetary gift – You may wish to leave a specified sum of money to the University. This form of donation is known as a **pecuniary bequest**. Pecuniary bequests are simple to arrange and can be index-linked to prevent their value being eroded by inflation.

You may wish to leave your assets to a loved one for their lifetime, then for the assets to be transferred to the University of Roehampton on their passing. This is called a **reversionary bequest**. This type of donation ensures that your beneficiaries can benefit from your assets during their lifetime, and thereafter be passed on to a cause close to your heart.

A **specific or non-monetary bequest** allows you to leave shares, property, valuables and works of art to the University either on terms that they can be retained or that they may be sold and the proceeds donated to other University purposes.

The University is especially grateful when our donors choose to inform us about a gift, since we would like to express our gratitude to you. To let us know of your intention to include the University of Roehampton in your Will, you may wish to use the attached pledge form.

## What you can do next:

If you have decided that you would like to create a Will or alter an existing Will to make provision for the University of Roehampton, the University advises seeking legal advice or support from a professional when making your consideration. You will be able to seek assistance for the following:

- Guide to making a will: [www.gov.uk/make-will](http://www.gov.uk/make-will)
- Find a solicitor: [www.lawsociety.org.uk/findasolicitor](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/findasolicitor)
- HMRC—inheritance tax helpline: 0300 123 1072

# No gift is too small to make a difference



An example of a non-monetary bequest from a Roehampton alumna: a collection of musical instruments from across the world, used on the MA Music Therapy course.

# Thank you



## Contact us

Your support is important to us and we would be delighted to discuss your requirements with you. Please contact the Development Office for further information.

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