



Conquest Art

Enriching the lives of people with disabilities

Leave a Legacy

Make a lasting difference



About Conquest Art

Conquest Art works to inspire people living with disability or long-term health issues to discover their creative energy and build self-confidence through the medium of art. Each year they are able to display pictures at the Annual Exhibition organised by the Charity.

For more than 40 years, our group members have found fulfilment through joining in, making new friendships and experiencing a sense of achievement and satisfaction from their artwork. Everyone is encouraged to create from their imagination, develop their own style and work at their own pace in a friendly, non-competitive atmosphere.

All the groups are run by volunteers. The number of groups around the country increased to 18 in 2019, with further new groups planned. Group members pay a small yearly membership subscription and also a weekly fee whenever they attend the group.

At Conquest Art we are passionate about and dedicated to our work. The Charity is run by a Board of Trustees who make their time available on an unpaid basis. It relies on voluntary donations and strives to keep administration and running costs to an absolute minimum.



Overcome adversity through art

Why legacies are important ...

Legacies, also known as bequests or gifts in wills, are very important to Conquest Art. Legacy income is used, whenever possible, to invest in the future development of the Charity.

For example, some years ago a very generous legacy to Conquest Art was used to develop a new website and produce a new range of promotional materials, which has increased awareness of Conquest Art.

Our vision is to see new groups opened up around the country – this takes time and resources to identify appropriate premises, recruit new group leaders and volunteers, provide equipment and training, and, most important of all, publicise the group to attract new members.

No matter what size of legacy you choose to leave, your kindness and generosity will enable us to make a difference to those with a disability or long-term health issue.

Making a lasting difference ...

There are a number of different ways that you can remember Conquest Art in your will:

- **Share in the residue of your estate**
Residue is whatever is left after all debts, funeral expenses, certain other costs and tax, and any other legacies have been deducted. A particular benefit of leaving a share of your residuary estate is that it keeps pace with inflation or any change in your financial circumstances without the need for frequent review.
- **Pecuniary legacy**
A fixed sum of money.
- **Specific legacy**
A particular named item – for example, a piece of jewellery, furniture or a painting.

If you would like to leave Conquest Art a legacy in your will, please ensure that you use our registered address and Charity number (this information is on the back of this leaflet) and preferably state that the legacy is *for the Charity's general charitable purposes*. For further information on the work of Conquest Art please contact us and we will arrange for you to have a confidential discussion with one of our Trustees.

Points to consider when writing a will ...

The following list may be helpful:

Find a solicitor

When writing a will you should consult a solicitor. It is a legal document and it is essential that certain pieces of information are included. A solicitor will make sure your will is legally binding.

Know who you want to benefit

It is important to take time to think about who you want to benefit from your will and how you would like it to be divided. Remember to consider your family and friends first. Legacies to registered Charities in the UK such as Conquest Art are tax exempt and will be paid out before Inheritance Tax is deducted, reducing the total amount of tax paid on the estate. Under current legislation if you leave over 10% of your estate to charities, the rate of Inheritance Tax payable on the remainder is reduced.

Keep your will in a safe place

Ensure that you keep your will in a safe place and let your executors know where. If you misplace it, your estate might not go to the correct people. You can leave the original with your bank or solicitor, keeping a photocopy at home with you in a safe place.

Reviewing your will

Once you have made your will, it is important to make sure that you keep it updated. Ideally, a will should be reviewed every three years. As your personal circumstances change, you need to ensure that your will still accurately reflects your wishes. You should update your will if you inherit money, when you have children and when you retire. It is also important to remember that if you marry, or become divorced, an existing will automatically becomes null and void.

Updating your will by codicil

If you already have a will and choose also to remember Conquest Art, you can do this by adding a legacy through a codicil. You must sign a codicil and get it witnessed in the same way as witnessing a will. It also needs to be kept with the original will.

For further information please visit
www.gov.uk/make-will

Where disability meets creativity

What Conquest Art means to me ...

I have learnt so much coming to Conquest Art. The people are really lovely and I enjoy coming to every session learning new skills each time.

Stephen (Ashtead Group Member)

Joining the group I have met new people and I am less isolated than before.

Duncan (Woking Group Member)

Conquest Art has been a lifeline for me, giving me a reason to go out each week. I love coming to the group for the art and social aspect.

Pat (Epsom Group Member)

I can nurture my creative side with help from the volunteers. I've made many friends.

Sonia (Godalming Group Member)

It is lovely to see how all the members encourage and support each other. As new projects and ideas are shared I find that, along with all the members, I too am learning so much. To be a part of this Charity is an absolute privilege.

Celia (Halesworth Group Volunteer)

I have been a volunteer at Conquest Art for over six years. My interest in art has made me want to support people with disabilities to enjoy the pleasures I've experienced with art. Giving encouragement and seeing the members have fun with their art is very rewarding. I have met lots of interesting people and learnt many new techniques and skills.

Elaine (Stoneleigh Group Volunteer)



Winner of the 2017 Gibson Award for achievement

Some of the paintings by our members



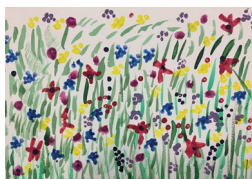
Evelyn Chaffe
Reigate Park Group



Colette O'Neill
Formby Group



Des Arnold
Godalming Group



Pam Hathaway
Stoneleigh Group



Harry Tempam
Dorking Group



Sarah Armstead
Epsom Group



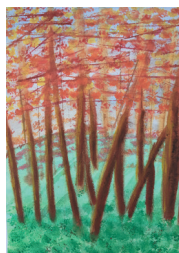
John Smith
Ewell Group



Mark Powell
Bridport Group



Rose Taylor
Godalming Group



Heather Panter
Reigate Park Group



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