



# Sowing seeds for the Future

## Making a Gift in your Will



University of the  
West of England

**better**together



**UWE is the legacy of several generations of people who passionately cared about ensuring the city of Bristol offered a real breadth of education and opportunity. Whilst the institutions which provide these opportunities may now look different, the same passion and values lie at the heart of our university today.**

Today, we are a university which has an ethos of partnership at its core. By inspiring our students to combine the power of learning with its practical application, they are able to connect knowledge and innovation with the wider society to help transform our world for the better. Through our work with local communities, we raise aspirations and provide greater opportunity for access to higher education, enabling more people to realise their potential - regardless of their financial or social background.

These partnerships are underpinned by a diverse, supportive, and dynamic environment, at the heart of which is a great student experience. This means that students graduate ready and able for life after university.

But, as government investment into higher education decreases, partnerships with our alumni and friends will play a vital role. Your support will be crucial as we face the challenges of the 21st century and seize on the opportunity to realise our ambitions.

A gift in your Will can ensure that in the years to come UWE can grow to realise its potential and its vision. It will ensure we can offer a world-class student experience, a wealth of opportunities for students to develop their ideas and ambitions, and comprehensive support to ensure talented people can fulfil their potential.

My education gave me a chance to achieve things I never thought possible. With your help, we can offer thousands more students the same opportunity in the future. On behalf of the University, I would like to offer you my heartfelt thanks for considering joining me in supporting UWE with a gift in your Will.

**Steve West,**  
**Vice Chancellor, UWE Bristol**

# A pledge for the future

**Including UWE in your Will is simple and will cost you nothing today, but will have an enduring impact on students and academics alike in the years to come.**

Throughout the history of the University of the West of England and its founding institutions, philanthropy has played a fundamental role in our growth and success. From the generosity and foresight of the Merchant Venturers, to that of university staff past and present, the support of those who believed in the power of education has helped to secure the wealth of opportunities for learning in Bristol which exist today. In the coming years, we hope that UWE's legacy programme will help the University achieve more of its ambitions faster.

At a time when opportunities for education are crucial in securing the future of our society, universities face their most difficult financial challenges. The support of our alumni and friends, therefore, will play a vital role in securing our progression in the face of these challenges, and ensuring we can continue to change the lives of future generations.



Whether you're passionate about bursaries and scholarships, or access to world-class sporting facilities; about medical research, or encouraging enterprise and innovation, there are many ways in which your legacy can make a tremendous difference to life at the University.

Anyone can make a gift in their Will, whether large or small. Even a modest percentage of your estate - after you have provided for your family and friends - can have a life-changing impact.

You can direct your gift to whichever area you are most passionate about supporting, or make an unspecified gift for the University to direct to the area of greatest need at that time. Unspecified gifts give us the ability to seize opportunities and support projects which might otherwise never get off the ground.

You can also make a gift in memory of a friend or loved one.

**UWE is a tax exempt organisation under the Charities Act, so any philanthropic gift is completely free of taxes. Making a legacy to the University may therefore reduce the inheritance tax payable on your estate.**

Detailed information and wording for your Will can be found at the back of this brochure.





# What will you support?

The University has identified three key areas which could benefit greatly from your support, and which encompass our ambitions for the future. Of course, if there is a particular area you would like to support which is not mentioned here, we would be happy to discuss the best way to fulfil your wishes.



## Reaching out to students

As the cost of higher education rises, many people are discouraged from going to university due to their financial or social circumstances. At UWE, we are dedicated to reaching out to those people and encouraging them to realise their potential, whether through visits to the University or working within the local community to raise aspirations from an early age.

We also provide bursaries and scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds, or who are gifted in a particular area, to help them flourish and make the most of their time at university.

## Providing the best possible student experience

We're passionate about giving our students great facilities and a breadth of opportunities for personal development and support while they study, and our students are passionate about grasping these opportunities with both hands.

Your gift will help us to provide world-class facilities and support students in undertaking projects and activities which enhance their university experience. Many of these projects, such as student volunteering programmes, also have a positive impact on the local and wider community, and all of them help to make sure our graduates are ready and able for life after their degree.

Just two of the new facilities we hope to provide in the next few years are a Student Centre with performance space and counselling and advice services, and a new state-of-the-art Business School. With your support, we can get there faster.



## Developing world-class opportunities

UWE students and staff are known for their ability to apply knowledge and research in a practical way which can help to transform our society, and many of them are passionate about projects which have the potential to do just that, from cutting-edge technology, to developing new business ideas.

A test developed by researchers at UWE, for instance, could mean that prostate cancer can be detected faster and less intrusively. The technology involved could also be used for detecting biomarkers in conditions like rheumatoid arthritis or for diagnosing infections like MRSA. Our Academic and Enterprise Development fund exists to provide investment into these exciting projects and to help translate them into reality.

# A Gift of Opportunity

A new bursary to support gifted students studying computing at UWE was established in 2010 in memory of exceptional computer programmer and businessman Tony Papadopoulos. Tony founded and ran the financial systems company Apak, and had numerous links with the University, having supported students through placements and employed many of our graduates.

Tony Bracey, friend and Trustee of the Tony Papadopoulos Charitable Trust felt that the bursary was a wonderful way for family and former colleagues to celebrate Tony's memory: 'We feel that it's a very fitting tribute to Tony, and are delighted to support the next generation of talented industry professionals to reach their full potential through education'.

The £6000 bursary is awarded in two instalments to support two exceptional students from low-income households during their second and final years of study.



“The bursary will be invaluable in relieving the financial worries that come with studying at university, and will allow me to fully concentrate on my studies. I'm extremely grateful to the trust for awarding it to me in memory of Tony, and look forward to making the most of this wonderful opportunity.”

**Richard Broker (BSc Computer Systems Integration) who received a Tony Papadopoulos Bursary in 2010**

# Recognising your vision

By making a gift in your Will you will ensure a more prosperous and confident future for the University, and will reflect a very special commitment to enabling future generations of UWE students and academics to grasp a wealth of opportunities.

Each of our alumni and friends who choose to support the University in this way will be recognised with membership of The Bolland Circle. Founded in memory of the late Dr. Robert Bolland, it has been established to recognise the vision and leadership of those who make what is truly the gift of a lifetime to the University.

Dr. Robert Bolland was the first director of Bristol Polytechnic and was instrumental in enabling our institution to grow into what is now one of the UK's most popular universities.



“Including the University in your Will is simple, but will help to enhance every aspect of life at UWE in the future. I hope you will consider joining me in offering your support for the progression of this exciting and dynamic university by becoming a member of The Bolland Circle. Together, we can achieve great things.”

Dr Ray Burton

Committed to part-time courses, and the creation of opportunities for people from all social backgrounds to access education, he was particularly concerned about students who, for whatever reason, had to overcome obstacles to study. He was passionate about opening up alternative routes to qualifications, and about offering sandwich courses that integrated academic study with industrial work. These values have endured, and continue to influence what we do to this day.

In line with his values, Dr. Bolland made a gift in his Will to support the progression of Bristol Polytechnic upon his death in 1974. His legacy can be felt throughout the University; from The Bolland Library on the Frenchay campus, to the annual Bolland Lecture set up in his memory in 1976.

As a member of The Bolland Circle, you will be invited to attend a special reception at the Bolland Lecture each year with others who have made the same commitment, and will receive regular updates on how the University is transforming lives.

If you have decided to include the University in your Will, you may wish to inform us. You can do this by completing the enclosed pledge form, and returning it to us in the envelope provided. Doing so does not commit you in any way at all; it simply enables us to express our thanks to you and keep you informed about progress at the University.

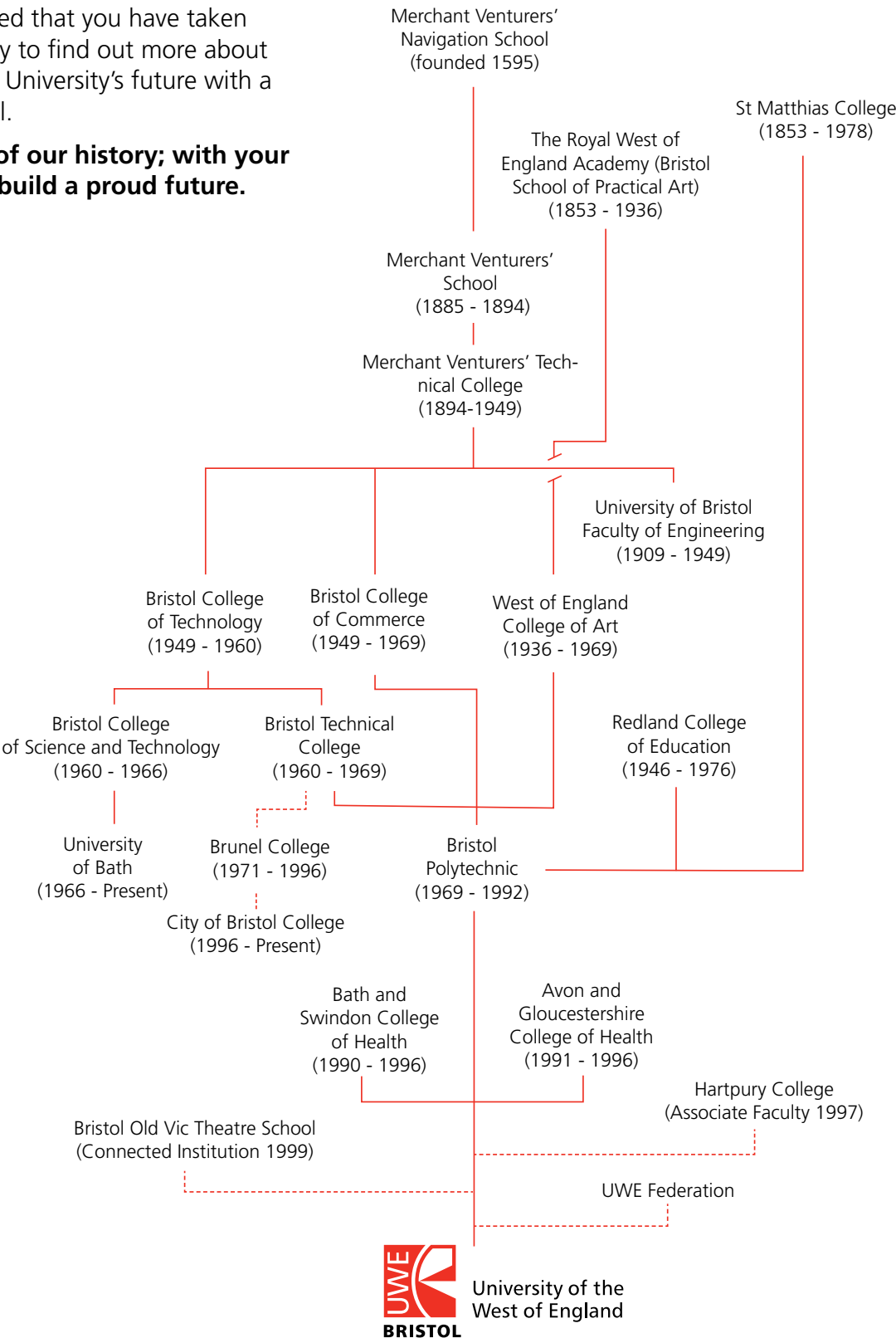


# The UWE family

Whether you studied at UWE, Bristol Polytechnic, or one of the founding institutions shown in our family tree, you are a part of our heritage.

We are delighted that you have taken this opportunity to find out more about supporting the University's future with a gift in your Will.

**We're proud of our history; with your help, we can build a proud future.**



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**Thank you for considering  
making a gift in your Will  
to help us transform lives  
in the future.**

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