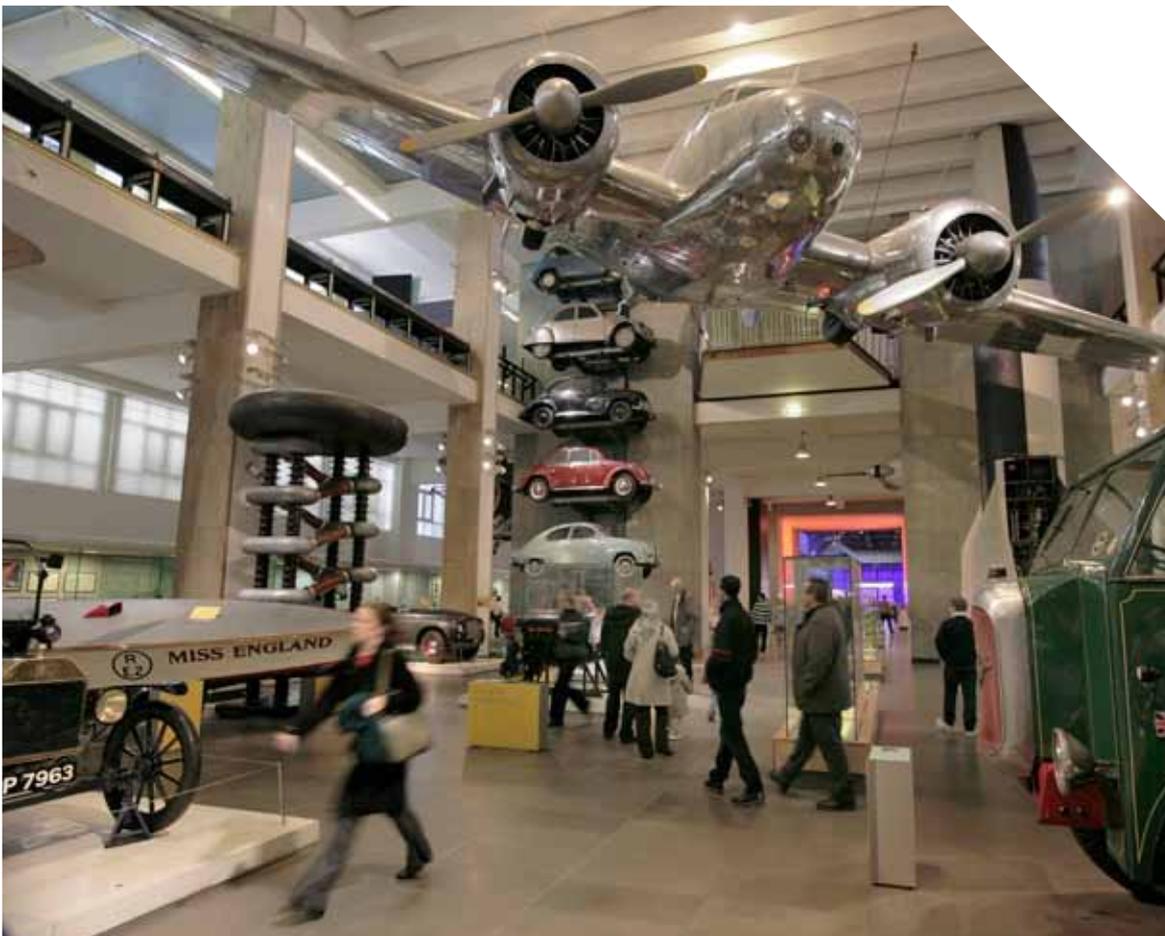


# A Lasting Legacy

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From the Director, Ian Blatchford

Every day, the Science Museum inspires thousands of visitors by revealing the astonishing scientific breakthroughs and inventions that changed the world for ever.

For over a century, we have encouraged thousands of young people to develop a career in science and engineering, and motivated millions of others to explore science in all its forms.

As a charity, we rely on the generosity of our supporters to continue our inspiring work. For some, the best way to help us is by leaving gifts in their wills. Any gift, large or small, will help to ensure that the Museum can educate and delight our visitors for generations to come.

So when the time comes to write or update your will, please consider a gift to the Science Museum.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Blatchford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'I' and 'B'.



## The Science Museum

The Science Museum aims to be the best place in the world to enjoy and learn about science. Since our origins in the Great Exhibition of 1851, we have sought to make sense of the science that shapes our lives, using one of the finest and most important collections of scientific and technological objects in the world.

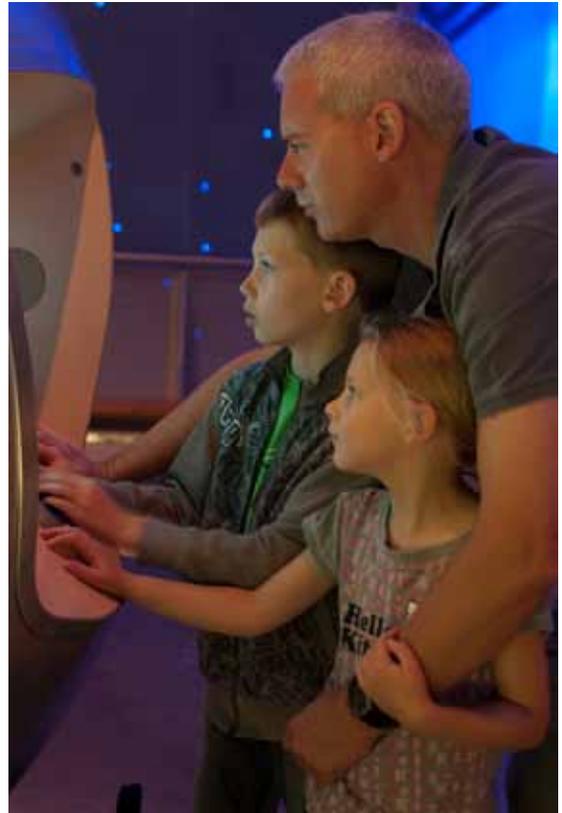
For many of our visitors, the Science Museum is where a lifelong passion for science begins, and many adults still remember the excitement of their first visit. We want to continue inspiring the great minds of the future with world-class exhibitions and stimulating learning programmes.

With the help of our supporters, we have created spectacular new galleries such as Atmosphere (opened 2010), which uses innovative displays to explore the latest developments in the hugely important subject of climate science. Ambitious projects of this kind, which encourage lifelong engagement with science, are only possible with the support of our friends.

## Making a difference

Any gift, big or small, can make a real contribution to our work. It is not always possible for people to give as much as they would like to a charity during their lifetime, and we all have to think carefully about providing for later life. After you have provided for those you care about, a gift in your will could be the best way to remember and support a cause you love.

We understand that your circumstances could change at any time, which could have implications for your will. If at any point you change your mind you can alter your will by contacting your solicitor.





We know that leaving a gift to us in your will is a lasting investment in the work of the Museum. All gifts will be highly valued and carefully managed.

- Your gift could help us develop spectacular new displays and temporary exhibitions. As well as bringing more of our historic collections into the heart of the Museum, your gift could also help create new exhibits dedicated to the understanding of cutting-edge scientific research.
- Your gift could inspire thousands of young people through our innovative learning programmes. From workshops and live science shows, to teacher support and hands-on activities, our learning team's output is expected to reach over 1 million people a year by 2014. Supporting our work encourages visitors to develop lifelong enthusiasm for science, inspiring many to develop careers in science and technology.
- Your gift could protect our world-class collection for future generations to enjoy. We care for over 300,000 objects in our wide-ranging collections, including many priceless artefacts of historical significance such as Stephenson's Rocket and the Apollo 10 command module.



Left: A Launchpad show. Right: Apollo command module in *Making the Modern World* gallery

## Suggested Wording

If you are considering leaving a gift to the Science Museum in your will, there are a number of different gifts you can make. We have included the suggested wording for each gift below:

### **To leave the whole or part of your estate after specific gifts have been made (Residuary Legacy)**

I give .....%/all (please specify) of my residuary estate to the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD for its general purposes.

### **To leave a specific sum (Pecuniary Legacy)**

I give the sum of £..... to the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD for its general purposes.

### **A gift for a specific purpose**

Unrestricted gifts are potentially the most beneficial as they enable us to target resources at the most urgent projects. However, if you would like to support a specific area of interest, then where you see the phrase 'general purposes' in the suggested wording options, please replace it with one of the following:

- Conservation
- Learning programmes
- Galleries and exhibitions
- Academic research

If you are considering leaving a specific item to be added to the Museum's collections, it is very important that you contact us directly so our curators can ensure we will be able to meet your wishes.



We understand that these are important decisions which you will want to make in your own time. It is entirely up to you if you wish to share the contents of your will during your lifetime.

We will never ask you outright to tell us your wishes, but if you would like to tell us about your plans, we would be glad to hear from you. You may have questions about particular areas of our work or specific wording in your will. If you are considering pledging a substantial sum, we would be happy to discuss recognising your support and creating a lasting memorial in your name or that of a loved one.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in confidence.

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