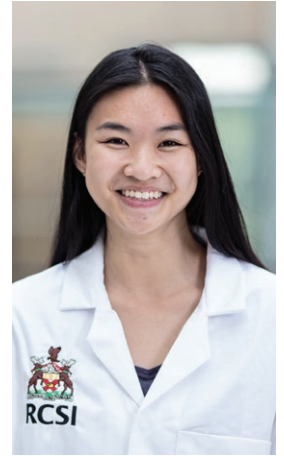




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OPENING DOORS TO THE FUTURE



Our mission is to 'Educate, Nurture and Discover for the Benefit of Human Health'. Our ultimate purpose is to work in service of patients; a deep professional responsibility to enhance human health through endeavour, innovation and collaboration in education, research and service informs all that we do.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



“RCSI Alumni, Fellows and Members have always embraced the tradition of giving back and this ethos continues to inspire me. I am proud to play my part in the continuation of this rich legacy.”

I come from a small community in North Donegal. My earliest exposure to medicine, was attending our local family doctor, who in those days, did everything, including delivering my siblings and I, in a small community hospital. I can still remember the furniture and smells in his clinic. But what moved me most, was the sense, even as a sick child, that with his care, “everything was going to be alright”. It’s unfashionable to say it, but then, and even now, I can’t think of a nobler calling. I feel extraordinarily privileged to be a doctor, RCSI made that possible for me.

Those who helped make my dream become a reality were the inspirational Professors and Clinicians who guided and mentored me throughout my early career. Alongside those individuals, I quickly learnt that there were many more in the background; thousands of alumni who had walked the same corridors, stood with trepidation in the Anatomy Room during card signing, and like me, benefitted from the camaraderie and facilities that make RCSI so special.

RCSI has been the fortunate and grateful beneficiary of legacy gifts that have enabled it to become the institution it is today, a highly ranked university renowned globally for its outstanding quality of teaching, surgical training and innovative research. In recent history, it is the global fundraising drive of Harry O’Flanagan in the 1960s that paved the way for the expansion of RCSI internationally, and the development of our world class campus facilities in the heart of Dublin. RCSI Alumni, Fellows and Members have always embraced the tradition of giving back and this ethos continues to inspire me.

I am proud to play my part in the continuation of this rich legacy. When I review RCSI today and look back at our progress through the decades, I am humbled by the vision and the steady commitment of my predecessors. My most ardent hope, is that my colleagues and I, at RCSI, will continue their work and give the same opportunities to future generations of students.

The future I pursue for RCSI is to be ranked within the top 1% of universities worldwide, to be counted amongst the best medical institutions globally, to be cutting-edge in our surgical innovations and to deliver on our mission to lead the world to better health.

As a graduate and a Fellow myself, I am pleased, along with my classmates, to make my annual gift to RCSI, and in addition, to include a legacy gift in my will to support RCSI into the future. In this way, I can acknowledge the significant role that RCSI has played in my life.

I hope you will consider joining me and remembering RCSI in your will too, and if you do so, you have my sincere thanks.

Yours, with my thanks again,

Professor Cathal Kelly,
Chief Executive/Registrar
Class of 1985, Fellow 1990

BUILDING ON THE PAST TO ADVANCE THE FUTURE

**THE TRADITION OF
PHILANTHROPIC GIVING HAS
PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE
IN OUR DEVELOPMENT,
TRANSFORMING RCSI OVER
TIME AND ENABLING IT TO
FLOURISH.**

It is our ambition to continuously build upon the achievements of previous generations, and we acknowledge those leaders who set the pace for growth supported by the generosity and foresight of alumni and Fellows who with their financial support, have ensured that RCSI remains at the forefront of medical and surgical education.

**BY SUPPORTING
RCSI THROUGH YOUR
LEGACY OR GIFT,
YOU CAN HELP SHAPE
OUR FUTURE TOO.**

Establishing a Philanthropic Culture

1965 - 1980

1968, the first fundraising campaign raised £2 million* to build the new Medical School which opened in 1976



1970, RCSI established the Colles-Graves Foundation in the US

1970, RCSI expands medical education in the Middle East

1978, RCSI became a recognised College of the National University of Ireland

**Currency: Irish punt*

Raising the Standards of Facilities

1980 - 1990

1985, the Colles Travelling Fellowship in Surgery launched

1988, philanthropic donations supported a £2.5m* redevelopment of the Mercer Hospital site



1987, Beaumont Hospital opened as RCSI's principal teaching hospital

Embracing a Research Agenda

1990 - 2000

1996, Penang Medical College opened

1999, School of Physiotherapy opened paving the way for university status

2000, £5m* in philanthropy supported the opening of the Clinical Research Centre, the Smurfit Building at Beaumont Hospital



2000, RCSI in collaboration with UCC, TCD and NUI Maynooth secured £7m* under the Programme for Research in Third-Level Institutions (PRTL)

*Currency: Irish punt

Expanding our International Ambition

2000 - 2010



2004, RCSI Medical University of Bahrain established with the support of philanthropy

2005, the RCSI Institute of Leadership opened in Dublin and Dubai

2005, RCSI Research Institute and School of Pharmacy opened in Dublin

2007, RCSI and the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) established a Collaboration Programme to develop surgical training

Growing our Reputation and Driving Innovation

2010 - PRESENT

2012, RCSI secures €11.3m funding for translational research

2013, Aim High Scholarships established by RCSI alumni

2017, with the support of philanthropy, RCSI opened 26 York Street

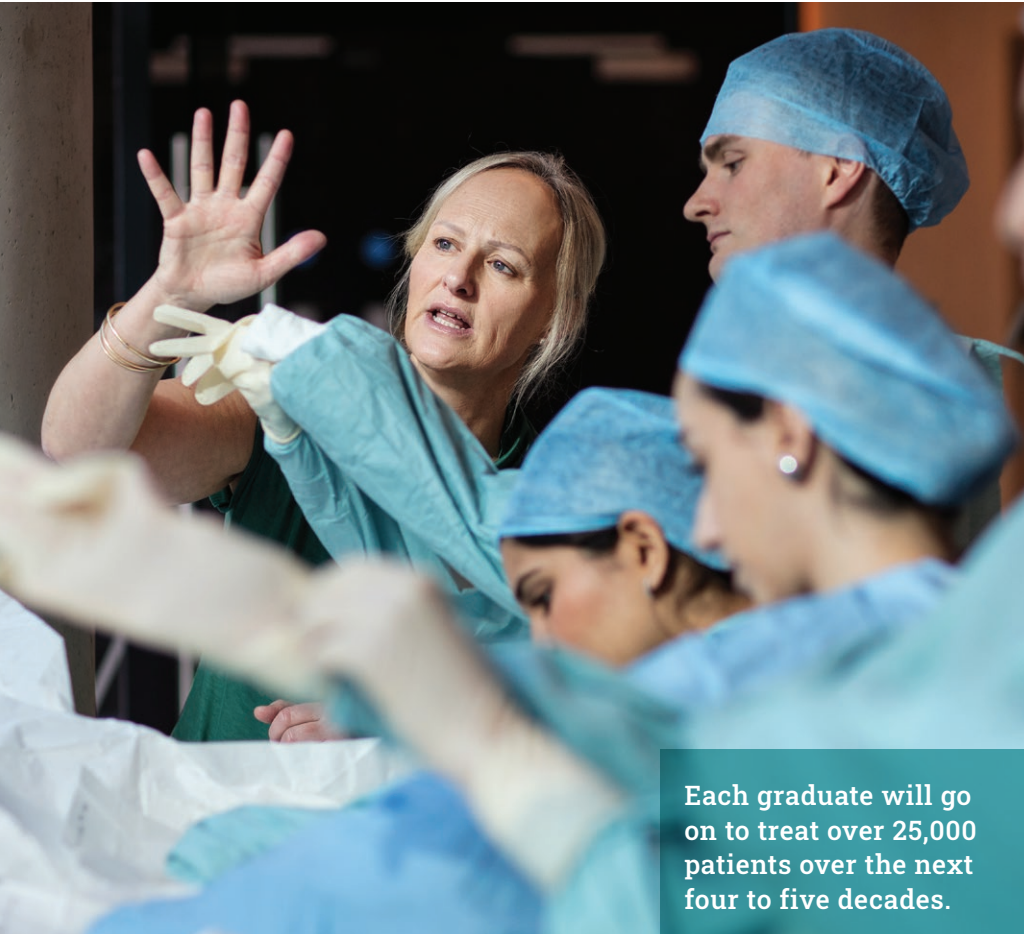


2019, RCSI secured university status in Ireland

2020, PROGRESS Women in Surgery Fellowship first awarded

2020, RCSI is ranked #1 university in the world for Good Health and Well-being in Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings

WHAT CAN YOUR GIFT HELP TO ACHIEVE? SUPPORTING FUTURE GENERATIONS OF RCSI



Each graduate will go on to treat over 25,000 patients over the next four to five decades.

Tackling some of the world's biggest healthcare challenges may take a lifespan to achieve but through your generosity today, you can help accelerate progress and unlock solutions that will improve patient outcomes.

Four priorities that are core to our mission at RCSI, and would benefit from your support are:

1. **CREATING LEADERS IN HEALTH**

At the heart of RCSI is a commitment to provide opportunity for truly exceptional individuals, who have the passion and commitment to make a lifelong difference to patient care. We are dedicated to ensuring that any student who faces challenging times during their studies, financial or otherwise, will be supported to reach their full potential.

Through scholarships, support services, clinical elective placements and hardship funding, your gift could help change a student's life and ensure they continue to pursue their ambition of becoming a future leader in healthcare as well as enhancing their student experience and fulfilling their potential.



2. BUILDING HEALTHIER SOCIETIES

Generations of RCSI graduates, faculty and researchers have dedicated their careers to addressing the healthcare needs of populations across half the countries in the world. With this diverse medical community, RCSI has a unique global perspective on public health. Your support now and in the future would enable us to grow pioneering programmes such as;

- > the **RCSI Centre for Positive Psychology and Health**, which aims to address the global challenge presented by lifestyle related diseases and empower people to take more responsibility of their own well-being;
- > the **RCSI Institute of Global Surgery**, which is working to bring better quality surgical care to patients in low to middle-income countries; and
- > the **RCSI School of Population Health**, which is dedicated to enhancing the quality of healthcare globally and educating the next generation of professionals in the study of population health.



3. LEADING BREAKTHROUGH RESEARCH

At RCSI, we are fundamentally focused on health. With an emphasis on clinical and patient-centred research, RCSI succeeds in leading impactful discoveries that address key Irish and international health challenges. Today, RCSI is the largest medical research body in Ireland producing ground breaking research, which has double the field-weighted citation compared to the world average.

Our researchers work across disease areas and geographies in pursuit of solutions that make a difference to patient areas such as **biomaterials and regenerative medicine, cancer, neurological and psychiatric disorders, surgical science and practice and vascular biology**. Your legacy gift could significantly further progress and lead to breakthroughs that could ultimately improve patient care and cure diseases.



4. DEVELOPING THE RCSI MED DISTRICT

Looking to the future, RCSI has developed a comprehensive campus masterplan, which recognises the importance of place; bringing together people, ideas, learning and innovation into a world-class ecosystem.

Today, we are in the most exciting and transformative phase of our journey, and the opening of 26 York Street marked a critical step in the realisation of the **RCSI MED District**; an international centre dedicated entirely to health, fostering a culture of collaboration where students, professionals, researchers and policymakers can advance healthcare together. Your legacy gift could support the campus expansion and the next phase of the **RCSI MED District** through **Project CONNECT**; a new facility focused on RCSI's role in the national health agenda, dedicated entirely to public health education and supporting a healthier Ireland.

Over the years, our strategic priorities will change but our commitment to supporting our students, recruiting world-class faculty, leading innovative research and creating state-of-the-art facilities will remain at the heart of our development.



“The scholarship provided me the opportunity to achieve my dream.”

DR DEBORAH CARDIFF graduated early as a member of the Class of 2020 to join the frontline in Connolly Hospital Dublin during COVID-19 and was the recipient of the **Dr Marilyn Butt Scholarship**.

THE IMPACT YOUR GIFT COULD MAKE

I still remember the moment I received the email stating I had been accepted into RCSI medical school. It was a monumental day for both my family and I as we cheered at 6am. **As the first person from my family to attend third level education - let alone medical school - this was enormous news.** My lifelong dream had come true.

Then the next email came in. The fees. I was unceremoniously pulled back down to earth. My parents insisted that we would make it work, but I knew that this was highly doubtful. They had already made countless sacrifices to get me to that moment. There was nothing left to give.

Yet another email. I clicked on it with a heavy heart. “I am very pleased to inform you that you have been awarded the Dr Marilyn Butt Scholarship.” One extremely kind, generous individual had donated a scholarship in memory of his daughter and RCSI had awarded this opportunity to me. **To this day, I still struggle to find the words to express how much this meant to me.**

I learned about Dr Marilyn Butt’s dedication to become a doctor and the tremendous impact she had on those around her, as well as the tragic accident. To have my journey be a fraction of her inspiring legacy is an honour and I feel beyond privileged to have been chosen.

The scholarship provided me the opportunity to achieve my dream despite the once seemingly insurmountable obstacle of funding textbooks, equipment and everyday expenses of university life. I can say with certainty that without the scholarship I would not be a doctor today.

Reflecting on my journey now, it still feels surreal. Despite financial barriers and a pandemic escalating all our stress levels in my final year, I still managed to graduate as part of the Class of 2020. I now get to care for patients and pursue a career I once thought would be forever out of my reach. All thanks to the kindness of a stranger. **It is a gift I will always cherish and one I hope to pay forward someday.**

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In Memory of
Dr Marilyn Butt

DR JOHN BUTT and family made a **GIFT IN MEMORY OF DR MARILYN BUTT**, Class of 1981.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR OTHERS IN AN INCREDIBLY SPECIAL WAY

I will always remember my beloved Marilyn's smile when she opened her offer letter from RCSI. She was finally getting to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor and her journey was just beginning. She kept us entertained over the years with stories of RCSI, her classmates, her lecturers and the fun she had throughout her studies. I have never been prouder than I was on the day she wore her cap and gown to receive her graduation certificate.

Tragically, it was a few months later that we lost our beautiful daughter in a car accident before she had time to realise her potential as a doctor. Our hearts shattered and we are still learning to live each day without her.

As a family, we decided to make a scholarship gift to RCSI, which would pay tribute to Marilyn's memory and allow her legacy to live on through another student. That student was Deborah, and we are so proud of her achievements. Deborah (now Dr Cardiff) is very much part of our lives and there will always be an open door in our home for her.

We look forward to following her career and wish her many great adventures for the future. It is heartening to know that our Marilyn is still making a difference for others in an incredibly special way.



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Group Study Room

A Tribute to Dr Gary Silver, 1957-2003

Dr Gary Silver, Class of 1985, was a charismatic and honourable person who had an immensely positive influence on all those around him. Gary was a special classmate, a friend of many and will always be remembered as a kind and gentle soul with the brightest mind and most selfless heart.

In 2019, Gary's family, friends and classmates came together to name this room in the Library of 26 York Street in his honour. A monotype donated by Gary's friend, Jedd Novatt also hangs in the Anatomy Laboratory of RCSI. RCSI wishes to acknowledge the leadership and friendship of Professor Ameen Patel who coordinated this tribute.

Family and Friends
Mr Donald and Laura Chase, Mr Jedd Novatt, Dr Allan & Gina Silver,
Mrs Irene Silver Feldman, Professor Ameen & Irene Patel

Classmates from Class of 1985
Dr George Beiko, Dr Kevin Corless, Dr Ann Cranney, Dr Bruce & Deirdre Hickey,
Dr Andrew Moran & Dr Sheila Brereton, Dr Elin Mortensen, Dr Frederick Nagle,
Dr Nancy Nora, Prof Ameen Patel, Dr Brent Weiser,
Dr Walter Weiss.

"Giving back to RCSI is important to me as is leaving a legacy."



PROFESSOR AMEEN PATEL AND MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1985
paid tribute to the memory of their classmate **DR GARY SILVER.**

HONOUR A DEAR FRIEND

I am a member of the Class of 1985. RCSI gave me, and all my classmates, an opportunity to pursue our dream of becoming physicians or surgeons. I vividly remember meeting Gary on the first day of registration as we lined up and chatted about our backgrounds and where and with whom we were living. This was the beginning of our lifelong friendship; one I continue to treasure even though Gary is no longer with us. Gary passed on 13 October 2003 from complications related to Multiple Sclerosis.

Gary and I lived together for four years in Dublin. We became remarkably close friends who could share anything without fear of judgement. Gary loved music and travel and he knew the lyrics to every Beatles, Rolling Stones and Led Zeppelin song. We benefitted immensely from his love of life and his ability to make the best of any situation. He took advantage of RCSI's international culture and got to know classmates from Asia, Africa and Australia as well as all the Irish students in our class. Whenever I, or anyone else did not want to go out he would say – "You may meet your wife tonight". Well that never happened to me, but his advice did improve my social life and appreciation of Dublin! I learned from spending time with Gary the true meaning of empathy, compassion and acceptance, without judgement.

Gary treasured his time in Dublin and the opportunity RCSI gave him to practice medicine. He struggled with MS for the last 10 years of his life but continued to practice even when he was confined to a wheelchair.

I have often thought of Gary since his passing and all that he meant to many others and me. In 2020, as our 35th year class reunion approached, we took the opportunity to honour a great friend by naming a room in the library for him in 26 York Street. Gary's family and friends were so supportive of the initiative and we raised the funds really quickly.

At our virtual reunion, the plaque in the room we dedicated to Gary was unveiled by our classmate, Professor Cathal Kelly.

I have always believed that it is vital to give back to society. I cannot forget that everything I have accomplished professionally has been built upon by my RCSI medical degree and as time passes, I appreciate this more and more.

Giving back to RCSI is important to me, as is leaving a legacy; I think it's more than a gift and it leaves me with an unapparelled feeling of satisfaction. Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give".



DR BRIAN BRISCOE is a Diagnostic Radiology Specialist and has been in practice for over 60 years. He graduated from RCSI in 1956 and now lives in Maryland where he settled with his wife and family.

MY GIFT

My memories of RCSI are very special. I had the most wonderful experience as a young student enjoying all the excitement of Dublin in the 1950s. The faculty and staff acted in *locus parentis* and I made enduring friendships that have lasted a lifetime. However, there is one friend missing from that circle and he is the reason I have decided to leave a gift in my will to RCSI.

I met my friend in our first year of studies. He was top of the class with a passion for medicine and had great ambition to become a doctor. In addition, he was the first of his family to go to university and they were so proud. Then times got tough financially. His father was a barber and could not meet the expense of sending his son to medical school, which meant my friend sadly had to leave RCSI.

That day has stayed with me through the years, and I often think of how difficult it must have been for him to give up on his dreams and how it must have hurt his family to see it happen. At that time, there was no programme in place to help students facing financial uncertainty but thankfully, this has changed.

For this reason, I have decided to leave a bequest that will support a student who may find themselves in the same situation my friend did all of those years ago. If I can help at least one young person achieve their ambition in the future, I know I will be leaving a valuable legacy.

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RCSI has been home to over 26,000 alumni from 94 countries who have graduated from across 5 campuses. In addition, over 9,600 Fellows and Members are shaping the future of healthcare across 83 countries.



THE IMPACT YOUR GIFT COULD HAVE

EACH GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE AND HAS AN IMPACT – you may feel passionate about supporting students, helping to advance pioneering healthcare programmes, investing in the future of RCSI's state of the art facilities or supporting the future of our surgical heritage. Whatever your wish may be for your legacy, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss it further with you.

Aíne Gibbons,
Director of Development



HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO RCSI PLANNING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

After ensuring your loved ones are cared for in your will, you may wish to consider leaving a legacy to RCSI.

Your will is an important document which details your future wishes, and we recommend that you seek professional advice when drafting it.

TYPES OF LEGACY

There are several ways you may wish to leave a gift to RCSI in your will:

- > **Residuary legacy** – A gift of all or a percentage of your estate after other legacies, debts, taxes and expenses have been settled.
- > **Pecuniary legacy** – A gift of a specific sum of money.
- > **Specific gift** – A gift of property, land, shares or securities, personal property including art, antiques, jewellery or other assets.

HOW TO WORD YOUR LEGACY

We are happy to discuss your will wording and draft some options for you to consider. You may also find the wording below helpful when you and your solicitor are considering your gift to RCSI:

I give to [insert RCSI entity name in a specific country]...

- > *All of my residual estate, or*
- > *A % share of my residual estate, or*
- > *The sum of _____, or*
- > *A specific item*

...for the general purposes or specific area of the university. I direct that the receipt of the Director of Development or other proper officer of RCSI shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for this gift."

IRELAND

Legacy gifts from Irish taxpayers may be given to **'Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland'**:

*"I give to **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**, Charity Number; 20001957. CHY1277 at 123 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 YN77, Ireland".*

USA

Legacy gifts from USA taxpayers may be given to **'Friends of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Inc.'**, a federally tax-exempt charity under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

*"I give to **Friends of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Inc.**, tax identification number 23-7093591; incorporated in New York State, at 277 West End Avenue, Suite 4C, New York, New York 10023".*

UK

Legacy gifts from UK taxpayers may be given to **'Friends of RCSI'** – a charitable organisation registered in the UK.

*"I give to **Friends of RCSI**, registration number 11571364; incorporated in England and Wales with its office at 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE".*

CANADA

RCSI is registered as a 'prescribed university outside Canada' with the Canada Revenue Agency. This means that a legacy made by a Canadian resident to RCSI is deductible for estate tax purposes.

*"I give to **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland**, Charity Number; 20001957. CHY1277 at 123 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 YN77, Ireland".*

GIVING WORLDWIDE

RCSI accepts legacies and gifts from alumni and friends around the world. If you wish to talk to us about making a gift in your specific region, please contact:

ainegibbons@rcsi.ie



THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to read this brochure and for considering RCSI as part of your legacy. If you have already chosen to support RCSI through a legacy gift, we are immensely grateful. We appreciate the details of your will are private, be assured that if you choose to let us know of your plans, the details will remain confidential.



Artist's impression of Project Connect, Dublin.



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The RCSI 1784 Society is a unique community of individuals who have chosen to leave a gift to RCSI in their will. The Society also welcomes individuals and groups who would like to make a gift to honour the memory of someone special.

If you wish, you can let us know of your plans by returning the RCSI 1784 Society form overleaf.

It is beneficial to us to understand how our donors are planning to help. This allows us to ensure that all aspects of your intentions involving RCSI are fully understood. It is also a pleasure for us to be able to thank you personally for the gift that you have planned and to acknowledge your generosity in a way that is appropriate for you.

By becoming a member of the RCSI 1784 Society, you can choose to receive regular updates on developments at RCSI and notifications of selected events, should you wish.

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If you have left a gift to **RCSI** in your will or would like more information about legacy giving and the **RCSI 1784 Society**, we would encourage you to complete the form below and return it to:

RCSI Development and Alumni Relations, 123 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, D02 YN77, Ireland.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class of</i>
<i>Address</i>	
	<i>Eir/Post Code</i>
<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>Email Address</i>

please tick ✓ relevant request

- I have already included a gift to **RCSI** in my will
- I am considering leaving a gift to **RCSI** in my will and would like more information
- I am happy for **RCSI** to contact me regarding legacy giving
- Please have **Aine Gibbons**, Director of Development, T: **+353 1 402 8548** or E: **ainegibbons@rcsi.ie**, contact me by email, phone and post to discuss my interest in legacies or charitable gifts.

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If you would like more information on leaving a legacy to RCSI, you can contact **Aíne Gibbons**, Director of Development, by emailing ainegibbons@rcsi.ie or by calling **+353 1 402 8548**



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