



Leaving a Legacy

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About Rupert Pennant-Rea

Rupert Pennant-Rea B.A. (1970) has had a varied career as an economist, journalist, central banker and businessman. Born and brought up in Zimbabwe, Rupert read economics at Trinity and the University of Manchester. He has held the roles of Editor of *The Economist* and Deputy Governor of the Bank of England. Rupert was Chairman of Henderson Group plc, a fund management company based in London. He was also on the Board of Gold Fields Ltd, various other public and private companies and was Chairman of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Today, he is on the board of Times Newspapers. Rupert is a long-time supporter of Trinity and the Grattan Scholars.

As a Trinity graduate, the University has many happy memories for you. Tell us a little about why it is so special for you.

Four magical years, to grow up (sort of), make life-long friends, live in Rooms, discover Dublin and Ireland, learn how to learn (eventually), and then launch into adult life. How lucky we were.

You have very generously made the decision to leave a legacy to Trinity. Is this an important decision for you and what impact do you hope it will have?

As students, we were naturally going to live forever, and the idea of wills and legacies seemed laughable. When it does dawn on you, you think of your children, of course, but also of the debts you never properly repaid – and the biggest debt I owe is to Trinity. On its own, my legacy will make little difference, but if all alumni start thinking the same way, we would help Trinity to cast its spell for new generations.

Do you think it is important for individuals to make gifts to education and if so, why?

Apart from today, nothing matters more than tomorrow, and education creates boundless tomorrows.

In May 2019, we saw the launch of *Inspiring Generations* - The Campaign for Trinity College Dublin. As someone living in the UK where the culture of philanthropy is more developed, do you see a value in this type of campaign?

Definitely. The habit of giving comes naturally to only a small minority, but the rest of us can develop it too. Unless you believe everything should be the state's responsibility, the arguments for private philanthropy are powerful.

Would you encourage others to consider the gift of a legacy to Trinity?

Trinity was there long before us and will be there long after too. A legacy gives us a ticket for the ride.

The Grattan Scholars

The School of Social Sciences and Philosophy at Trinity has developed a prestigious scholarship programme – The Grattan Scholars. The Grattan Scholars supports exceptional Ph.D. students who have the potential to become future academic leaders and influential voices for social and economic development. Grattan Scholars are chosen not only for their academic achievements, but also for their commitment to teaching and ambition to understand and improve society through their research and education. They also play a vital role in delivering high-quality and engaging teaching, enriching the learning experience of undergraduate students. The Grattan Scholars programme honours the Irish statesman Henry Grattan, a celebrated Trinity graduate.

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