# **Legacy CHARACTER TYPES**

A competency framework - structured against my 10 key steps - to help you understand your current performance and potential for growth



# 1 - LEGENDS (Sector leading / role models / optimised activity)

Internal	Legacy giving is a strategic priority for my organisation
External	Our strategy is built upon a rigorous process of insight gathering and data analysis
Vision	Everything we do is aligned to our vision and mission
Donor	We understand our donors and put their needs at the heart of everything we do
Strategy	Legacies is a strategic priority for the organisation and is appropriately resourced
Comms	We have an emotionally engaging legacy proposition build upon donor insight which is aligned to our organisational brand and
	wider case for support
Tactics	We've got detailed plans in place across all channels aligned to the overall strategy
Network	Legacy giving is a shared responsibility across the organisation
Income	We have a professional; proactive and sensitive legacy admin resource that optimises the value of every gift
Measure	We have shared KPIs for all teams and regularly celebrate legacy successes

# 2 - LEADERS (established but sub-optimal)

Internal	Legacy giving is on the agenda with good cross-team collaboration
External	We have a good understanding of the legacy market and our place in it
Vision	We've got an organisational vision but not one for legacy activity
Donor	We've got donor journeys in place, but they could be better integrated
Strategy	Legacies are on the radar, and we have a strategy, but we could be better resourced
Comms	We have specific messaging and a range of materials to support our work
Tactics	There's legacy messaging across most channels but we could do better
Network	The legacy team is visible and effective (most of the time) but we could do more
Income	Legacy admin is great but they are a under resourced
Measure	There are KPIs in place for key teams and we could be better at sharing legacy stories

# 3 - LEARNERS (emerging/have potential)

Internal	We struggle to have conversations about legacy giving internally
External	We have some insight but have done nothing with it
Vision	We've done a few things in the past but it's all been quite tactical
Donor	We've done some donor profiling but we tend to treat everyone the same way
Strategy	Our overall approach is more short-term and tactical, there's no strategy in place
Comms	We're working on our first legacy leaflet
Tactics	We're trying, but it's difficult to get access to channels and audiences
Network	It's difficult to engage as others don't think legacy giving is their responsibility
Income	We don't have a trained admin person – it's just part of someone else's role
Measure	We collaborate with some teams, but it's on an informal basis

# 4 - LIGHTWEIGHTS (new-entrants/historic resistance)

Internal	My Board / CEO think it's insensitive to talk about legacy giving
External	We've never really consider the wider 'market'
Vision	What's a vision?
Donor	We're not really sure who we should be talking to about legacy giving or how
Strategy	We don't have a plan for legacies
Comms	We don't really talk about legacy giving in any of our materials
Tactics	I think it's on the website, but I'm not sure
Network	I've never spoken to colleagues about legacy giving
Income	We haven't had a legacy gift yet
Measure	Promoting legacy giving is my job