

## Gill Wright Memorial Fund



### Gill Wright

Gill Wright was a remarkable woman. Her commitment to the restoration of Victoria Baths began after the Baths' closure in 1993 and continued until her retirement in 2020. Gill was a swimmer and swimming teacher, first and foremost, when she became involved with the Baths. She went on to become a heritage expert, a leading voice in the historic pools sector, and her advice and experience was sought by other campaign groups and restoration projects from Birmingham to Aberdeen.

Gill oversaw Victoria Baths' win on the BBC's 2003 Restoration programme, with a resounding public vote. She project-managed our most significant restoration projects, including the front section of the building, the Gala Pool roof and the stained glass windows. She encouraged artists into the building to take inspiration from the architecture, décor, atmosphere, and history. Gill was a knowledgeable Tour Guide, leading groups around the building with enthusiasm and encouraging them to become involved by joining the Friends or volunteering at the Baths. She also played an active role in the Victoria Baths History Group, spending many an afternoon archiving documents, photographs and artefacts and researching swimmers and other people associated with the Baths. Gill never stopped fundraising.

Gill was diagnosed with cancer in early 2020 and, after a period of treatment, she entered a hospice and died in March 2021. Gill is sadly missed by many, many people, including her friends and colleagues at Victoria Baths and the wider world of historic pools and lidos.

### In memory of Gill

We have given very careful consideration to how best to mark Gill's considerable contribution to Victoria Baths, whilst taking into account the wishes of her family. We are establishing a new Fund at Victoria Baths Trust in Gill's name, as a continuing memorial to

her. The **Gill Wright Memorial Fund** will accept donations in her memory and will be restricted for use for activities and projects at Victoria Baths which were close to Gill's heart:

### ***Restoration, Community Arts and History***

Suitable projects for the Fund's support will be approved by the Victoria Baths Trust Board.

### **How to give**

You can make a single payment to the Fund at any time, or you can make a gift in stages by setting up a Standing Order over several months or years. Gifts can be for any amount, starting at a value of £10 and at any frequency. Currently the Fund has no set end date. All donors will be named on our website as a mark of thanks unless you prefer your gift to remain anonymous.

### **Gift Aid**

Gift Aid will add 25% to the value of your gift if you are eligible.

### **Higher Rate Taxpayers**

If you pay tax at the higher or additional rate, you can claim the difference between the rate you pay and basic rate on your donation. For example: you donate £500 and Victoria Baths Trust claims Gift Aid to make your donation £625. You pay 40% tax so you can personally claim back £125 (£625 x 20%). This means that a gift of £625 only costs you £375.

### **Giving to the Gill Wright Memorial Fund**

We are asking for cheques, bank transfers or standing orders. To make a gift to this Fund, please return the donation form below to:

Gwyneth Brock, Victoria Baths Trust, Hathersage Road, Manchester M13 0FE.

Please contact Gwyneth, Victoria Baths' Engagement Manager, with any queries about this appeal:

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