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LET YOUR
HUMANITY
LIVE ON

Your guide to leaving a gift in your Will

STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY

Throughout history, there have always been attacks on freedom, justice and dignity. It can be sad to see what human beings are capable of, but there is always hope. Because for every perpetrator, there are people who care enough to protect human rights, wherever they are under threat.

By supporting Amnesty International, you've been on the right side of history, shaping some of the most important moments of our times. By pledging a gift in your Will, you can let your humanity live on.

After all, behind every big historical moment are the stories of ordinary people, just trying to live happy, fulfilling lives. Thank you for never forgetting them.

COVER: Bernardo Caal Xol, greeted by his family after his release from four years of imprisonment. Bernardo, a teacher, trade unionist, and indigenous leader in Guatemala, was imprisoned for peacefully protesting against the destruction of his ancestral lands. He was smeared, harassed, and jailed on completely baseless charges. After his release in March 2022, Bernardo said: "I... am very grateful to each and every one of you... Amnesty International gave me hope for release and now I am free. Now I am back with my family..."

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1962

WE SPOKE UP FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

If you supported Amnesty International in the sixties, you helped establish the Prisoners of Conscience fund, supporting people locked up for their beliefs.

1975

TOGETHER, WE HELD TORTURERS TO ACCOUNT

Following our worldwide campaign, the UN unanimously adopted the Declaration against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

1986

THOUSANDS OF US TOOK A STAND AGAINST APARTHEID

Amnesty International members wrote to more than 10,000 members of parliament and people of influence in South Africa, strengthening the case against apartheid.

1998

WE PROVED THE POWERFUL ARE NOT UNTOUCHABLE

If you were with us in the nineties, your support helped build a legal case against General Pinochet for his crimes against humanity committed in Chile. He was arrested in the UK.

2002

WE REFUSED TO IGNORE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

After a long-running campaign, we helped bring about the creation of an International Criminal Court to investigate and prosecute those suspected of genocide and war crimes.

2013

WE HELPED STOP THE SUPPLY OF WEAPONS FOR WAR CRIMES

After 20 years of our campaigning, the UN adopted the Arms Trade Treaty. This set out robust rules to stop the flow of weapons to countries committing crimes against humanity.

2021

WE SHOWED COMPANIES THEY CANNOT ACT WITH IMPUNITY

When Shell caused environmental damage in the Niger Delta, we helped locals seek justice. The Supreme Court ruled in favour of the communities, setting an important precedent.

WHEN PEOPLE ARE SILENCED BY OPPRESSION, WILL YOU CONTINUE TO SPEAK UP?

Pledging a gift in your Will to Amnesty International UK is one of the most powerful ways to let your humanity live on.

FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

YOU CAN KEEP PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

You can help us make sure that human rights are never taken for granted. With your support, we'll keep holding states and individuals to account when they commit atrocities.

YOU CAN KEEP FIGHTING AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

A gift in your Will can help us work with communities around the world, challenging discriminatory laws and protecting the equal rights we all deserve.

YOU CAN KEEP EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION

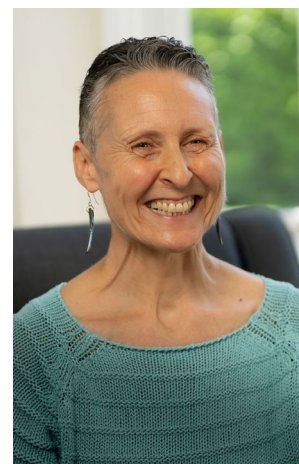
We've been providing resources and training for human rights education for over 25 years. With your support, we can keep inspiring young minds to protect our freedoms in future.

YOU CAN KEEP SHOWING TORTURE IS NEVER JUSTIFIABLE

You can help us campaign for more measures to protect people from torture and bring the perpetrators to justice, from checks on detention centres to improving access to lawyers.

**ALWAYS BE
THERE FOR
PEOPLE
FACING
OPPRESSION**

Pledging a gift in your Will to Amnesty International UK is a powerful way to protect people's rights beyond your lifetime.



“I LEFT A GIFT IN MY WILL BECAUSE THE ISSUES THAT AMNESTY CONFRONTS WILL GO ON FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. KNOWING THAT MY LEGACY CAN ACTUALLY HELP CONTINUE THIS WORK IS COMFORTING TO ME.”

– Tatina Semprini

PROTECT PEOPLE ALWAYS



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PROTECT PEOPLE LIKE GERMAIN, WHEN THEY'RE IMPRISONED FOR HELPING OTHERS

In Burundi, East Africa, Germain Rukuki was sentenced to 32 years in prison. He was simply carrying out human rights work – but he was arrested under charges of threatening internal state security. His unjust imprisonment was a huge focus for our campaigning. In June 2021, Germain's sentence was reduced from 32 years to just one; he was released and is now reunited with his wife and young family. **A gift in your Will could help us keep fighting for the freedom of people who have been unjustly imprisoned.**



Photo: © Private

FIGHT FOR PEOPLE LIKE YASAMAN AND MONIREH'S FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Yasaman and her mother Monireh were condemned to 16 years in prison for peacefully campaigning against the abusive and discriminatory forced veiling laws in Iran. Amnesty International campaigned for the Iranian authorities to release them. In February 2023, Yasaman and Monireh were released from prison early. **If you believe that peaceful protest should never result in jail time, will you keep protecting freedom of expression with a gift in your Will?**



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SPEAK UP WHEN A CHILD LIKE MAGAI IS GIVEN THE DEATH PENALTY

When Magai was 15-years-old, he fired his father's gun at the ground. Tragically, a bullet bounced and killed his cousin. His trial took place in South Sudan, where he was sentenced to death with no lawyer representing him. Over 765,000 people took action to campaign against his execution. The Court of Appeal quashed his death sentence in 2020 and in March 2022, Magai was released from prison. The authorities everywhere must abolish this cruel, inhuman punishment. **A gift in your Will can help us continue our vital work for those who face the death penalty.**

HOW TO WRITE YOUR WILL

1 Write or update your list of assets

List the value of everything you own and whether you share ownership of anything. Also include any debts that could reduce your estate. You can then use our free Will writing service to make or update your Will (see overleaf).

2 Choose your executors

In your Will, include the names of the people you trust to carry out your wishes. These can be family members, friends, or professionals such as solicitors and accountants. It's best to consult your chosen executors before you appoint them.

3 Support the people and causes you care about

After any other beneficiaries are taken care of, you may wish to support the charities and causes you care about. If you would like to include Amnesty International UK, please use the wording supplied on the right.

4 Finish your Will

You will need two independent witnesses present when you sign your Will. These witnesses cannot be beneficiaries of your estate. Then choose a safe place to store your Will, where it will be easy to locate. It's important to keep your Will up to date if your circumstances change.

WAYS TO GIVE IN YOUR WILL

There are three main types of gift you can leave in your Will:

1 Residuary gift

A residuary gift, or 'share of your estate', is the percentage of your estate that you choose to leave to a beneficiary. It will not devalue over time.

2 Pecuniary gift

A pecuniary gift, or 'cash gift', is an exact sum of money. Inflation may devalue the amount over time, so it's best to check your Will is still in line with your wishes or consider a residuary gift instead.

3 Specific gift

This is a specified item rather than money, such as a personal library* or other collectibles (vinyl for example), a piece of jewellery, a car or property. It's important to describe these items exactly.

*Amnesty International UK has considerable expertise in the sale of book collections, and will be able to realise the full value from any donation made.

UPDATING YOUR WILL

Codicil

This is a legal document that explains or updates your existing Will. There's a codicil form for adding a gift to Amnesty International UK in the back of this leaflet, should you wish to use it.

WILL WORDING READY TO USE

For leaving a share of your estate

I give a _____% share of the residue of my estate to...

For leaving a cash gift

I give the sum of £_____ to....

For leaving a specific gift

I give my _description of item_ to...

Then add this wording to pledge a gift to Amnesty International UK

...Amnesty International UK Section Charitable Trust, The Human Rights Action Centre, 17–25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA, registered charity number 1051681 to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge."

INHERITANCE TAX

It's important to be aware of your **Inheritance Tax** liability.

Leaving a gift to charity such as Amnesty International UK can lower the amount of Inheritance Tax payable on your estate, reducing the amount of tax your beneficiaries will have to pay. It's best to check the **gov.uk** website for all the latest information about Inheritance Tax.



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USE OUR FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE

Our Free Wills Service makes it easy for you to write or update your Will at no cost to you*. Our will-writing partners can help you prepare a 'simple' Will in person, online or over the phone.

In person with a local solicitor



Our partnership with the **National Free Wills Network** offers access to over 800 solicitors across the UK**. We'll arrange for the Network to send you details of your nearest participating solicitors, and you can then make an appointment with your preferred solicitor.

To request referral to the Network, please fill in the Intentions form in the back pocket of this guide and return to us; or scan this QR code to request referral online.



In the comfort of your own home



Available in England and Wales**, our partnership with **Co-op Legal Services** means you can write your Will in the comfort of your own home, by phone or online, with a dedicated Wills specialist.

To start writing your Will online, visit co-oplegalservices.co.uk/amnesty or scan this QR code to go directly to the Co-op website. Or, to write your Will over the phone, call **0330 0417 799** to arrange a call back.



* Our free will-writing service covers the cost of a 'simple' Will (either a single Will or a pair of mirror Wills), which Amnesty International UK pays a discounted fee for. If your Will is more complex, any additional charges would be agreed between you and your chosen solicitor or Wills specialist. **The schemes are not available in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.



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THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

HUMANITY WINS

when you leave a gift in your Will to Amnesty International UK

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our Gifts in Wills team:

- Email legacy@amnesty.org.uk
- Call 020 7033 1657
- Visit amnesty.org.uk/legacy
- Scan the QR code

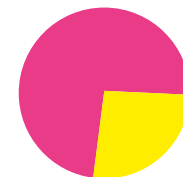


OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We are committed to the highest standards in fundraising. Read our promise to you at amnesty.org.uk/promise

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

Here is a breakdown based on our spending in 2022: For every £1 donation, 78p is spent on human rights work and 22p on raising funds and other trading activities.



“ I saw an advertisement in a national paper when I was a student in the early 1970s and have supported Amnesty ever since. When I made a Will, it seemed right to leave a gift to a charity which had been part of my life for so long.

Amnesty International UK supporter



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www.amnesty.org.uk Charity registered in England & Wales no.1051681.
Charity registered in Scotland no. SC039534. Company limited by guarantee registered in England 03139939. Registered office as shown above.



CODICIL



CHANGE AN EXISTING WILL

This Codicil is a legal document – please store it alongside your Will

I (your name)

of

(your address)

declare this to be a first/second/third
(delete as appropriate) Codicil to my Will

Dated: / /

I give (delete or complete where appropriate)

the whole / % portion (delete as appropriate) of my estate
(a gift of the residue)

the sum £ (a cash gift)

my (a specific possession)

to Amnesty International UK Section Charitable Trust (registered charity number 1051681) of the Human Rights Action Centre, 17–25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA.

In all respects I confirm my said Will and any previous Codicils thereto.

Dated: / /

Signed by the said:

Your name:

Signed by the aforementioned in our presence and witnessed by us in the presence of him/her and of each other.

First witness

Dated: / /

First witness's signature:

Name:

Occupation:

Address:

Second witness

Dated: / /

Second witness's signature:

Name:

Occupation:

Address:

Please note: A witness cannot be anyone who is a beneficiary of your Will or any Codicil (or anyone married to, or in a civil partnership with, a beneficiary or executor).

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR INTENTIONS

SO THAT WE CAN BE CONFIDENT FOR THE FUTURE

- I have already included Amnesty International UK in my Will with:
 - A % share of my estate (residuary gift)
 - A cash legacy (pecuniary gift)
 - A specific gift (e.g. book collection)
- I intend to include Amnesty International UK in my Will
- I would like a member of the Gifts in Wills team to contact me

Please call me on:

USE OUR FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE

- I would like to write my Will for free with a local solicitor. (Please complete your name and address details below to request a referral to the National Free Wills Network. Please note: This service is not available in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

- I intend to write my Will for free using the Co-op Legal Services phone and online service. (Go to co-oplegalservices.co.uk/amnesty to start your Will online or call 0330 0417 799 to request a call-back to write your Will over the phone. Please note: This service is only available in England and Wales, excluding the Channel Islands and Isle of Man.)

We understand that your Will is a private matter. Any information you share with us will be kept in the strictest of confidence and is not legally binding. If you have asked to be referred to the National Free Wills Network, we will need to share your name and address with the Network who will only use it to contact you about writing or updating your Will for free with a Network solicitor. You can change how you hear from us at any time by emailing our Supporter Communications Team at sct@amnesty.org.uk. Amnesty International UK will never sell or swap your personal information with anyone else. To find out more about how we use your information, please see amnesty.org.uk/privacy-notice.

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