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MAKE A WILL MONTH

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THIS IS HUMANITY IN ACTION

Your guide to writing your Will for free



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DID YOU KNOW?
Around 25% of our income each year comes from gifts in Wills. It's vital to help us protect people's rights today and achieve even more tomorrow.

By leaving a gift to Amnesty International UK this Make A Will Month, **YOU CAN FIGHT FOR HUMANITY IN THE YEARS TO COME**

Every gift left to Amnesty International UK this Make A Will Month is a message to the future.

It says you won't accept people's rights being stolen away – now or ever.

It says you expect those in power to respect international law – and be held to account.

It says you won't give up – because **humanity can win.**

Send your message to the future. Write your Will for FREE this March with Amnesty International UK.

They wanted Joaquín to be forgotten

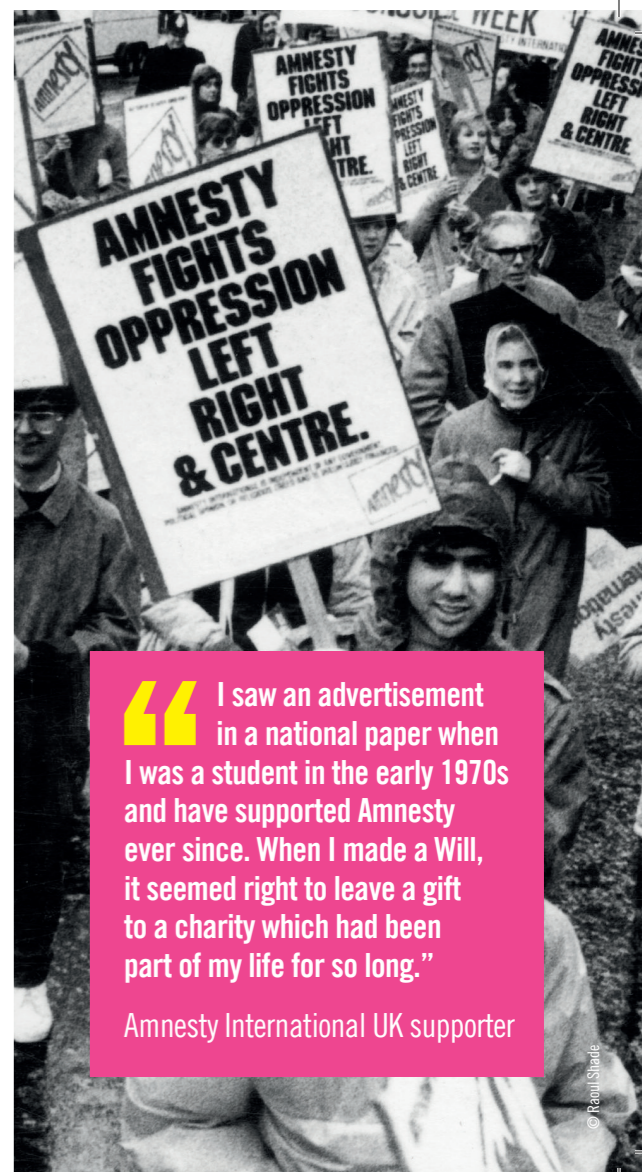
BUT HUMANITY WON



Joaquín Elo Ayeto was arrested at home in Equatorial Guinea in 2019. A human rights defender and member of the country's opposition party, he was tried for defamation and threats against the President. The charges were baseless, so the Amnesty International community got to work – writing tens of thousands of letters and petitioning the authorities for his release. A year later, Joaquín was freed without explanation – and he shared the following message:

“I have been told of the work that you have done for me and I want to thank you for the titanic effort by Amnesty International that has resulted in my release.”

By leaving a gift to Amnesty International UK in your Will, your humanity can live on.



“ 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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HOW OUR FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE WORKS

We've partnered with the National Free Wills Network, Co-op Legal Services, and Farewill to help you write your Will for free* this March.

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 tick the box on the enclosed form and return to us; or scan this QR code with your smartphone to request referral online.



By phone and online



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 www.co-oplegalservices.co.uk/amnesty or scan this QR code with your smartphone 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.



Online and by phone



Available in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland**, our partnership with **Farewill** 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 www.farewill.com/amnesty-march2025 or scan this QR code with your smartphone to go directly to the **Farewill** website where you can also arrange for a free callback.



When you write a Will this Make A Will Month, there's no obligation to include a gift to Amnesty International UK. But any gift you do include will make sure humanity can keep winning.

*The three schemes cover the cost of a 'simple Will', 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.

HOW TO PREPARE TO WRITE YOUR WILL

Before you start writing your Will, you can use this simple Will planner to think about:

The value of your estate

List the value of your major assets; also include any debts that could reduce the value of your estate.

People and causes to include in your Will

Decide who you want to give to. If you do want to leave a gift to Amnesty International UK, we've suggested some wording on the next page.

Your executors

They're the people who will carry out your wishes (please note that Amnesty International UK cannot act as an executor of your Will).

Any questions you have

If you're not sure about anything, it can help to write down questions in advance.

HOW YOU CAN GIVE IN YOUR WILL

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

A residuary gift means leaving all or part of your estate, after all other gifts have been given out. As it's a percentage share of your estate, the value of the gift changes with the value of your estate.

A pecuniary gift is a stated sum of money. Its value reduces over time due to inflation.

A specific gift is a specified item, such as a piece of jewellery, a book collection or a car.

Have questions that aren't answered here? Just let us know.

- Email legacy@amnesty.org.uk
- Call **020 7033 1627** or **020 7033 1657**
- Visit www.amnesty.org.uk/makeawill

Wording if you want to include Amnesty International UK in your Will

If you are considering leaving a gift to keep fighting for humanity, thank you. This wording could come in helpful.

For a residuary gift

I give a% share of the residue of my estate to ... (see wording below)

For a pecuniary gift

I give the sum of £ (words and figures) to ... (see wording below)

For a specific gift

I give my (describe your item here) to ... (see wording below)



Then add this wording:

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.

They said Shell was too big to take on

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In the 1990s, the oil giant Shell was causing devastating pollution in Nigeria. The Nigerian government brutally repressed protesters' human rights – and Shell knew what was happening.

Jump forward to 2021, and the UK Supreme Court ruled that communities in the Niger Delta could seek justice from Shell for the environmental damage it caused. Amnesty International, alongside other campaigners, fought for years to hold Shell to account. Together we made it happen. As Mark Dummett, Director of our Global Issues Programme, said at the time:

“Today's outcome could pave the way for justice for the many others who live with the consequences of Shell's pollution.”

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“ 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,
Amnesty International UK supporter

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HUMANITY WINS

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

Activist Rita Karasartova was imprisoned for eight months for challenging the Kyrgyzstan government. As part of our Write for Rights campaign, supporters like you took action. In June 2024, Rita was released.



“ Your petitions, signatures, and the huge number of letters that went to the court, that went to the prosecutor’s office... It was all powerful. I am so happy, I thank you all for this support.”

Rita Karasartova

FIND OUT MORE

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

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