

HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT TO GREENPEACE IN YOUR WILL



Taking action against the Japanese Whaling Fleet in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary © Greenpeace/Cunningham

Thank you so much for your thinking about Greenpeace in your Will.

As one of the world's most effective environmental organisations Greenpeace maintains its independence by not asking for or accepting money from governments or corporations.

This means that we rely entirely on the support of individuals like you to fund our work to protect the fragile world that we all inhabit.

If and when the time is right for you to support Greenpeace in your Will the following information will help answer your questions.

THREE WAYS TO SUPPORT GREENPEACE THROUGH YOUR WILL:

1. Residuary gift: Your residuary estate is what is left over of your Estate after your Executors have paid your debts and other expenses such as funeral costs, inheritance tax and so on and paid pecuniary and specific legacies. A gift of the whole or a share of your residuary estate is called a "residuary gift". You can leave a residuary gift of the whole of your residuary estate to Greenpeace in your Will or just a small percentage.
2. Pecuniary Legacy: This is a gift of a sum of money, such as £5,000. If this is the type of gift that you are considering, you may wish to consider index-linking the legacy, because as time passes the actual value becomes less.

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3. Specific legacy: This is a gift of a specific item or items such as jewellery, property, stocks and shares or works of art. Greenpeace will usually sell the items and make good use of the proceeds.

GREENPEACE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST AND GREENPEACE LTD

There are two Greenpeace organisations in the UK - Greenpeace Limited and Greenpeace Environmental Trust. They are separate organisations which work together but there are important differences between them. When we refer, in this leaflet, to “Greenpeace”, we are referring to both organisations. What is the difference?

Greenpeace Environmental Trust is a charity registered in England and Wales (Charity Registration Number 284934). The main aims of the charity are to further public understanding in world ecology and the natural environment. The charity funds valuable work that is essential in tackling environmental abuses. The charity gives grants and commissions work for projects that include education, scientific research, investigations and the promotion of sustainable development. For example the charity has funded projects which aim to protect the Amazon and Indonesian rainforests, where deforestation is happening at an alarming rate. As it is a charity, if you leave a legacy to Greenpeace Environmental Trust, your legacy will be exempt from UK inheritance tax.

Greenpeace Ltd is the campaigning body that many know for our lobbying and non-violent direct action. Greenpeace Ltd is not eligible to be registered as a charity due to our campaigning activities. A gift to Greenpeace Ltd in your Will supports this independence from government and corporations to tackle environmental injustices across the world. Your gift to Greenpeace Ltd will help keep our ships at sea and our campaigners free to investigate, expose and confront environmental abuse by governments and corporations.

You may wish to speak to your solicitor about whether it is better for you to leave a legacy to the charity Greenpeace Environmental Trust or to the non-charity Greenpeace Ltd. This may depend on your inheritance tax situation.

But whichever organisation you decide should benefit in your Will (or you may consider giving to both), your most valuable gift will help us to ensure that we can make a difference to the lives of those left behind in what is a very fragile global environment.

SUGGESTED WORDING

Your solicitor may find it helpful if you provide him or her with the example wording set out below, so we suggest that you take it with you when you visit your solicitor.

Legacy to Greenpeace Ltd

Suggested wording for a residuary gift to Greenpeace Ltd

I GIVE to Greenpeace Limited (company number 01314381) of registered office address Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN [a//] [__%] (delete which does not apply) of my residuary estate after payment of all debts, funeral, testamentary and administration expenses and legacies contained in my Will and any codicil to it, for its

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general purposes AND DIRECT that the receipt in writing of the person who professes to be the treasurer or other proper officer of Greenpeace Limited shall be a full discharge to my executors and trustees AND PROVIDED THAT if before my death (or after my death but before my executors and trustees have given effect to the gift) Greenpeace Limited has changed its name or amalgamated with any other organisation then my executors and trustees shall give effect to the gift as if it were a gift to the organisation in its changed name or to the organisation which results from the amalgamation or to the organisation to which the assets have been transferred.

Suggested wording for a pecuniary legacy to Greenpeace Ltd

I GIVE to Greenpeace Limited (company number 01314381) of registered office address Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN the sum of _____ pounds (£ _____), free of inheritance tax, to be applied for its general purposes AND DIRECT that the receipt in writing of the person who professes to be treasurer or other proper officer of Greenpeace Limited shall be a full discharge to my executors and trustees for the legacy given AND PROVIDED THAT if before my death (or after my death but before my executors and trustees have given effect to the gift) Greenpeace Limited has changed its name or amalgamated with any other organisation then my executors and trustees shall give effect to the gift as if it were a gift to the organisation in its changed name or to the organisation which results from the amalgamation or to the organisation to which the assets have been transferred.

Suggested wording for a specific legacy to Greenpeace Ltd

I GIVE to Greenpeace Limited (company number 01314381) of registered office address Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN my _____ [*Describe the gift you wish to leave e.g. my art collection], free of inheritance tax, for its general purposes AND DIRECT that the receipt in writing of the person who professes to be the treasurer or other proper officer of Greenpeace Limited shall be a full discharge to my executors and trustees for the legacy given AND PROVIDED THAT if before my death (or after my death but before my executors and trustees have given effect to the gift) Greenpeace Limited has changed its name or amalgamated with any other organisation then my executors and trustees shall give effect to the gift as if it were a gift to the organisation in its changed name or to the organisation which results from the amalgamation or to the organisation to which the assets have been transferred.

Legacy to the charity Greenpeace Environmental Trust

Suggested wording for a residuary gift to Greenpeace Environment Trust

I GIVE to the charity Greenpeace Environmental Trust, a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity (CRN 284934) of registered office address Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN [all] [X%] (*delete which does not apply*) of my residuary estate after payment of all debts, funeral, testamentary and administration expenses and legacies contained in my Will and any codicil to it, for its general charitable purposes AND DIRECT that the receipt in writing of the person who professes to be the treasurer or other proper officer of the charity shall be a full discharge to my executors and trustees AND PROVIDED THAT if before my death (or after my death but before my executors and trustees have given effect to the gift) the

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Suggested wording for a pecuniary legacy to Greenpeace Environmental Trust

I GIVE to the charity Greenpeace Environmental Trust, a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity (CRN 284934) of registered office address Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN the sum of _____ pounds (£_____) to be applied for its general charitable purposes AND DIRECT that the receipt in writing of the person who professes to be treasurer or other proper officer of the charity shall be a full discharge to my executors and trustees for the legacy given AND PROVIDED THAT if before my death (or after my death but before my executors and trustees have given effect to the gift) the charity has changed its name or amalgamated with any other charity then my executors and trustees shall give effect to the gift as if it were a gift to the charity in its changed name or to the charity which results from the amalgamation or to the charity to which the assets have been transferred.

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Although it is not necessary to use a solicitor to draft your Will, we do recommend that careful consideration is given to using one as it is our experience that costly mistakes can be avoided. Please do not hesitate to contact us on 0800 269 065 if you have any further questions.



A young visitor to the Greenpeace flagship the Rainbow Warrior, which docked in Southend Pier for an open weekend.
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