

An aerial photograph of a lush mangrove forest with a winding river. A large teal circle is overlaid in the center, containing white text. The background shows a vast expanse of green mangroves and a blue sky with light clouds.

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**GREENPEACE**



From our beginnings as a small group of activists, protesting against nuclear testing off the coast of Alaska, Greenpeace has grown into a global movement for change. Today, we are thousands of scientists, sailors, researchers, lobbyists, lawyers, activists and supporters in 55 countries around the world, doing whatever it takes to protect our planet.

No one works harder to defend our oceans, protect our rainforests, safeguard the Arctic, and find solutions to climate change. For the millions of people who believe in a cleaner, greener, more peaceful planet that can sustain us all, we are the world's most effective environmental campaigning organisation, and a beacon of hope.

Leaving a gift in your Will to Greenpeace is a way to put these beliefs into action, long after your lifetime. Any gift that you choose to leave, large or small, will support our work for years to come, making sure your



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ideals live on. In fact, 1 in every 6 of our campaigns is paid for by the extra-special gifts that people leave us in their Wills.

Greenpeace never accepts money from governments or corporations. It's this fierce independence that means we can bring the corrupt and the greedy to account, no matter how rich and powerful they are. It also means that we rely entirely on the support of individuals like you to fund our campaigns, investigations and activism around the world.

Having an up-to date Will is, of course, vital to protecting your family's future. But once you've provided for your loved ones and friends, a gift to Greenpeace will help protect the Earth for all future generations.

**If you'd like to speak to someone about the amazing legacy that you could leave, please get in touch with Andrew Sturley by calling 020 7865 8116 or email him at [andrew.sturley@greenpeace.org](mailto:andrew.sturley@greenpeace.org)**

We've achieved so much for the planet. But our biggest challenges are yet to come. We need to defend our oceans and rainforests from ever-greater threats. We need to protect the Arctic from oil giants and factory fishing. We need to meet the energy needs of an increasing global population without destroying the fragile Earth we share.

### **Defending our oceans.**

Home to 80% of life on earth, our oceans are under unprecedented threat from over-fishing and millions of tonnes of plastic. A gift in your Will can help us campaign for sustainable fishing and stem the flow of plastic pollution.

### **Protecting the rainforests.**

Our remaining rainforests are at constant risk from corrupt governments and rapacious corporations. Your support can help us end illegal and destructive logging, and protect the indigenous peoples and animals who live in this precious habitat.



**Saving the Arctic.** We may have stopped Shell from drilling in the Arctic in 2015, but other oil giants are still intent on plundering this unique ecosystem. With a gift in your Will, we can work even harder to stop a new oil rush in the Arctic.

### **Promoting clean, green energy.**

Climate change continues to be the greatest environmental threat to our planet. Your support can help us campaign for low-carbon economies that minimise the use of fossil fuels and make the most of clean, green energy.

**With the help of supporters like you, we've defied the nuclear arms race.**

**We've stood between whales and the harpoons.**

**We've protected the Antarctic.**

**We've saved rainforests from the chainsaw, and stopped toxic waste dumps in our seas.**

**With a gift in your Will, we can carry on protecting the planet and everything that lives on it, long into the future.**


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TO OUR PLANS FOR  
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**“I KNOW  
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PLAY A CRITICAL  
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OUR PLANET”**

John, Wokingham



**“SUSAN WILL  
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WHAT SHE BELIEVED  
IN, LONG INTO THE  
FUTURE”**

Mike, Bristol

Since we first took to the seas and the streets over forty years ago, Greenpeace has achieved breakthrough after breakthrough. From saving the whales to banning nuclear testing to protecting the rainforests, we've taken on the forces who are intent on destroying our world – and won. Many of these successes are thanks to the inspirational gifts that people have left us in their Wills.

In **1971**, our first ever campaign challenged nuclear weapon testing on Amchitka Island. This led to a complete ban on all nuclear testing in the area. That same decade saw us campaign fearlessly to save the whales. Finally, in **1982**, the International Whaling Commission agreed to end all commercial whaling within three years.

In **1989**, we exposed the shocking number of dolphins, whales, seals, turtles and sharks being caught up and killed in driftnets. The result of our action was a UN ban on all driftnet fishing. By **1992**,



we had persuaded the world to declare the Antarctic a global sanctuary, and won a 50-year ban on mining for minerals in the Antarctic World Park.

**1996** was another watershed year. After a 25-year campaign, Greenpeace celebrated the signing of a nuclear test-ban treaty that made the world a safer place. Our efforts to promote cleaner, greener energy were gathering pace, too. By **2003**, we had teamed up with one of the UK's biggest energy companies to create the country's first off-shore wind farm.

More recently, in **2009**, our action led to a moratorium on destroying Brazilian rainforest for soya. A year later, we forced Nestlé to start using sustainably-sourced palm oil in their products. While in **2016**, following an intensive campaign, we reached a historic agreement with the fishing industry and seafood retailers to stop industrial fishing in a huge part of the North Barents Sea – an area twice the size of France.

## GIFTS IN WILLS HAVE BEEN AT THE CORE OF OUR SUCCESS



Here in the UK, there are two Greenpeace organisations that work towards the same aims: Greenpeace Environmental Trust and Greenpeace Limited. In this booklet, when we say “Greenpeace” we mean both organisations.

**Greenpeace Environmental Trust** is a charity that expands the public’s understanding of the natural environment. It commissions scientific research and supports key environmental campaigns in places like Indonesia, China and Russia. As the Environmental Trust is a charity, any gift you make to it will be free of UK inheritance tax, which could help to reduce the amount your family would have to pay.



**TRUST**

**GREENPEACE IS MADE UP OF TWO PARTS**

**LIMITED**



**Greenpeace Ltd** is the campaigning body that most people know about. A gift to Greenpeace Ltd, which is not a charity due to restrictions on political campaigning by charities, will support our ability to expose and tackle environmental injustices.

You may want to speak to your solicitor about which part of Greenpeace to support. Whichever you decide, your legacy will help protect the world’s most threatened wildlife and ecosystems.



## **CASH GIFT**

The gift of a fixed sum of money is also called a pecuniary gift. The value of this type of gift will go down over time as the cost of living increases.

## **SHARE OF YOUR ESTATE**

Also known as a residuary gift, this is the remainder of your estate after you've provided for your friends and loved ones.

# **FOUR TYPES OF GIFTS IN WILLS**

## **SPECIFIC GIFT**

The gift of a particular named item that you want to pass on, such as a painting, a piece of jewellery, or even a property.

## **GIFT IN TRUST**

A gift for someone to use over a specified period of time. Once that period has ended, the gift can be passed on to someone else, or even a charity.

# LIMITED

**Residuary legacy:** I give all (or a \_\_\_ % share of) the residue of my estate to Greenpeace, Canonbury Villas, London N1 2PN, registered company number 01314381, to be used for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of their company secretary or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

**Pecuniary legacy:** I give the sum of £ (words and figures) to Greenpeace, Canonbury Villas, London N1 2PN, registered company number 01314381, to be used for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of their company secretary or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

**Specific legacy:** I give my \_\_\_\_\_ (describe the gift you want to leave, eg my book collection) to Greenpeace, Canonbury Villas, London N1 2PN, registered company number 01314381, to be used for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of their company secretary or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

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## THE RIGHT WORDING IS CRUCIAL

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**If you're interested in making a gift in trust, please talk to your solicitor about the right wording for your individual needs.**

**Beneficiary:** A person or organisation, such as Greenpeace, to whom you leave a gift in your Will.

**Codicil:** A document, separate to your Will, that changes the provisions of your Will.

**Contingent bequest:** A gift in your Will that depends on an event which may or may not happen. For example, it could be a bequest that applies only if other named beneficiaries die before the person who made the Will.

**Deed of Variation:** A legal document that allows beneficiaries to change the terms of a Will, even after the person who made the Will has died.

**Estate:** Everything you own at the time of your death including your house or flat, your possessions such as jewellery and furniture, money and investments such as stocks and shares. All debts such as your mortgage and loans will be paid out of the value of your estate.

**Executor:** The person you appoint to distribute your estate according to the instructions in your Will.

**Intestate:** If you die without having made a Will, you are known as intestate.

**Legacy:** A gift left in your Will, also known as a bequest.

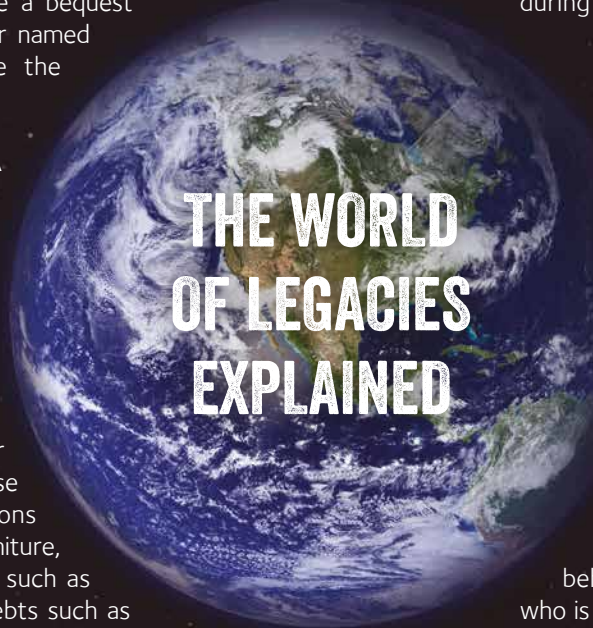
**Life interest:** The right of a beneficiary to benefit from part or all of an estate during their lifetime.

**Residue:** What's left of an estate after funeral expenses, debts, legacies and taxes have all been paid.

**Trust:** A legal arrangement where assets are handed over to trustees for the benefit of other people known as beneficiaries.

**Trustee:** Someone who holds property or assets on behalf of another person, and who is responsible for administering those assets.

**Will:** A legal document which sets out who you want to receive your estate when you die.



# BE AT THE HEART OF OUR FIGHT TO PROTECT THE PLANET

A gift in your Will to Greenpeace, whether it's large or small, will make a vital difference to our world in the years ahead. We promise to use your gift where it will do most good and have the greatest impact on our work to protect the planet.

## CONFIDENTIAL REPLY

**Please complete this form and post to John Sauven, Executive Director, Greenpeace UK, Canonbury Villas, London N1 2PN.**

The information you give is an important personal choice and we will treat it with the utmost confidence. You do not have to tell us if you have left a gift in your Will (and even if you do tell us, you can change your mind at any time by changing your Will). It would be very helpful, however, if you could let us know your intentions. This would enable us to thank you for your support and keep you up-to-date with Greenpeace's activities and special events in the UK and around the world.

Name .....

Address .....

Postcode .....

Phone number .....

Email address .....

- I am leaving a gift to Greenpeace Limited
- I am leaving a gift to Greenpeace Environmental Trust
- I am leaving a gift to both Greenpeace Limited and Greenpeace Environmental Trust
- Please contact me to discuss this further via: [phone](#) [email](#) [mail](#) *(please circle one)*

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us? .....

**THANK YOU**

**GREENPEACE**

A circular inset image showing an orangutan clinging to a vertical branch in a lush green forest. The orangutan is looking towards the camera with a neutral expression. The background of the entire page is a blurred green forest scene.

**LET US KNOW  
YOUR INTENTIONS**



**ANY QUESTIONS?**

Call us on

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