

GREENPEACE



**A GUIDE TO LEAVING
A GIFT TO GREENPEACE
IN YOUR WILL**

Greenpeace activists climb on the Leiv Eiriksson oil rig in 2012 to protest against Arctic Oil drilling in Baffin Bay—one of the most pristine and fragile natural areas in the world. ©Steve Morgan/Greenpeace



VISION

Together we defied the nuclear arms race.
We stood between whales and the harpoons.
We protected the Antarctic. We 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.

A gift to Greenpeace in your Will is a way to ensure that your beliefs live on – even after your lifetime. Any gift, large or small, will help our vital work. In fact, gifts in Wills now pay for around 1 in 6 of our campaigns.

As one of the world's most effective environmental organisations, Greenpeace maintains its independence by not asking for or accepting donations from governments or corporations. This means that we rely entirely on the support of individuals like you to fund our work to protect the world that we all inhabit.



Humpback whales thrive again in our oceans.

Having an up-to-date Will is very important.

Your Will provides for the future of your family, friends and loved ones and allows you to support the causes that you care about.

Including a gift to Greenpeace helps protect the future of this fragile planet that we all share.

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

GREENPEACE ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST AND GREENPEACE LTD



Greenpeace activists protesting against Shell's Arctic Oil drilling in the Baltic Sea in 2012.

There are two Greenpeace organisations in the UK – Greenpeace Environmental Trust and Greenpeace Limited. 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 gift to Greenpeace Environmental Trust, your gift will be exempt from i.e. free from UK inheritance tax, and could help reduce the amount your family would have to pay.

Greenpeace Ltd is the campaigning body that many know for our political lobbying and peaceful direct action. Greenpeace Ltd is not a charity. This is because Greenpeace Ltd’s main purpose is to carry out campaigning, direct actions and political activity and so it is not eligible to be registered as a charity. A gift to Greenpeace Ltd in your Will supports our ability to tackle environmental injustices with non-violence, personal responsibility and internationalism. 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 around the world.

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 world’s most threatened wildlife and ecosystems in what is a very fragile global environment.



A Greenpeace campaigner puts climate change in the media before the Copenhagen climate summit in 2009. ©Nick Cobbing/Greenpeace

THREE WAYS TO SUPPORT GREENPEACE THROUGH YOUR WILL:

We are grateful for any gift you may wish to leave to Greenpeace Environmental Trust or to Greenpeace Ltd, however big or small.

Here are the types of gift that you can include in your Will:

1. Residuary gift: Your residuary estate is what is left over from 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 percentage of it.

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 gift, because as time passes the actual value becomes less.

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.

If you wish to leave a gift to Greenpeace (either Greenpeace Environmental Trust or Greenpeace Ltd) in your Will, you should speak to your solicitor about which type of gift would be most suitable for you.

TAX SAVINGS AND SUGGESTED WORDING FOR YOUR WILL

Inheritance tax is the tax that is due if the value of your Estate after deduction of your liabilities (your debts, funeral costs and so on) exceeds the inheritance tax threshold. However, any gifts that you give to charity, such as Greenpeace Environmental Trust, will be exempt from inheritance tax. So leaving a gift to charity can reduce the amount of inheritance tax payable on your Estate.

This means you can reduce the amount of tax payable to HM Revenue & Customs at the same time as making a huge difference to Greenpeace with a gift in your Will. For many people this is a win-win situation.

Please speak to your solicitor about inheritance tax as your individual circumstances would have to be considered. If you would like to take advantage of the inheritance tax exemption on gifts to charity, you should make sure that you leave your gift to Greenpeace Environmental Trust (Charity Registration Number 284934).

SUGGESTED WORDING

If you already have a Will, you can change your Will easily by using a Codicil, like the one enclosed.

If you would like to make a Will you are strongly advised to visit a solicitor. A Will is a technical legal document and it is important that it is properly prepared and signed in order to be valid.

Greenpeace scientific expedition to Arctic Svalbard in 2011 to measure sea ice levels. ©Nick Cobbing/Greenpeace



If you are planning to make a Will or to change your existing Will and you wish to include a gift to Greenpeace, it is important that the Greenpeace organisation that you wish to benefit (Greenpeace Ltd or Greenpeace Environmental Trust) is properly identified in your Will. 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.

If you would like to include Greenpeace in your Will please use the registered charity number 284934 for Greenpeace Environmental Trust or registered company number 01314381 for Greenpeace Ltd, and include the registered address: Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN.

To give a residuary gift to Greenpeace Environmental Trust:

'I give all (or a...% share of) the residue of my estate to Greenpeace Environmental Trust, Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN, registered charity number 284934, 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.

To give a pecuniary gift to Greenpeace Environmental Trust:

'I give the sum of £ (words and figures) to Greenpeace Environmental Trust, Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN, registered charity number 284934, 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.

To give a specific gift to Greenpeace Environmental Trust:

'I give my _____ (describe the gift you want to leave eg, my art collection) to Greenpeace Environmental Trust, Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN, registered charity number 284934, 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.

To give a residuary gift to Greenpeace Ltd:

'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 Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

To give a pecuniary gift to Greenpeace Ltd:

'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 Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

To give a specific gift to Greenpeace Ltd:

'I give my _____ (describe the gift you want to leave eg, my art 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 Treasurer or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

WE HAVE VISION. WE PROMOTE SOLUTIONS. WE ARE SUCCESSFUL.

Greenpeace has celebrated many important environmental successes since our foundation in 1971. We use our own unique and proven methods of campaigning, detailed planning, scientific research, investigations, creative action and strategic communications to achieve our goals.

Greenpeace activities achieve spectacular results but saving the planet isn't cheap. An inflatable zodiac boat used in peaceful direct actions around the world can cost upwards of £40,000. A campaigner on the ground protecting the Amazon needs equipment, telecommunications, security training and more. Gifts in Wills are a perfect way of giving for the long-term protection of the planet. You can

continue to support the charity you love into the future but it costs you nothing now.

With the skills and dedication of our staff and volunteers, advanced equipment, specialist training and over 40 years of experience working globally we have found solutions and achieved victories that have changed the world.

1971 – Nukes exposed

Our first ever campaign, bearing witness to US nuclear weapon testing on Amchitka Island, leads to all nuclear testing being abandoned there.

1982 – Saving the whales

After a concerted Greenpeace campaign the



International Whaling Commission agrees to end all commercial whaling within three years.

1989 – Driftnet fishing stopped

After we expose the shocking number of dolphins, whales, seals, turtles and sharks being killed in driftnets the UN agrees a ban on all driftnet fishing

1991 – Antarctic wilderness preserved

We help protect the world's last, near-pristine wilderness by winning a 50-year ban on mining for minerals in the Antarctic World Park.

1996 – Goodbye to nuclear testing

After a 25 year campaign Greenpeace celebrates the signing of the nuclear weapons test-ban treaty.

2003 - Winds of Change

A unique alliance between Greenpeace and one of the UK's biggest energy companies leads

to the creation of Britain's first off-shore wind farm.

2009 - Rainforest protected

Exposing a complex chain between soya consumption in the West and rainforest destruction in the Amazon leads to three consecutive moratoria on destroying rainforest in Brazil for soya.

2014 – Saving the Arctic

After more than one million people respond to Greenpeace's Save the Arctic campaign, LEGO ends its 50 year link with Shell, a huge blow to Shell's strategy of partnering with beloved brands to clean up its dirty image as an Arctic oil driller.

These are just a few of our achievements.

For a full list please visit: www.greenpeace.org/international/about/victories



LEGAL TERMS EXPLAINED



Beneficiary:

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

Codicil:

A separate document to your Will, which changes your Will. If you have made a Will and you wish to change your Will to include a gift to Greenpeace, you can use the form enclosed or download from www.greenpeace.org.uk/legacy

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, before all your debts such as your mortgage and loans have been paid.

Legacy:

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

Executor(s):

The person(s) appointed by you to distribute your Estate according to the instructions in your Will.

Will:

A legal document which sets out who you want to receive your Estate when you die.

Greenpeace activists hang an enormous banner at the Ministry of Housing, Regional Development and the Environment in The Hague, Netherlands to protest against nuclear energy and to promote renewable energy.

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Mother polar bear with two young cubs on the ice in Hudson Bay.

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Greenpeace stands for positive change through action.
We defend the natural world and promote peace.

We investigate, expose and confront environmental abuse
by governments and corporations around the world.

We champion environmentally responsible and socially just
solutions, including scientific and technological innovation.

Your support is vital to the work we do and we thank you for it.

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