



LET PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS BE YOUR LEGACY

YOUR GUIDE TO
LEAVING A GIFT IN
YOUR WILL



A COURAGEOUS ACT OF WILL

Remembering Amnesty International in your Will is a very personal decision, and one that carries such hope. It is an act that expresses your beliefs and continues the fight for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all.

Amnesty International is a movement that produces extraordinary results. Prisoners of conscience are released. Death sentences are commuted. Torturers are brought to justice. Governments are persuaded to change their laws and

practices. Our achievements together have an enormous impact on the lives of individuals at risk. And a gift in your Will can make us even stronger in the years to come.

Including a gift in your Will is a powerful way to protect people's rights long into the future.

As a supporter of Amnesty International, we know you are deeply concerned about the future of our world. By leaving a gift in your Will, your belief in humanity will live on.

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At Amnesty International we don't just speak out against laws that violate human rights, we don't simply research broken systems or expose patterns of injustice, we focus on making real change for real people. That is the essence of Amnesty; achieving extraordinary results through the courage and compassion of ordinary people.

As Chief Executive of Amnesty International Ireland, I'm proud to be part of this global movement of people who understand the power of our shared humanity.

For more than 60 years, Amnesty International

has been building on the foundations of equality and dignity for every human being and campaigning for a world where human rights are enjoyed by all.

You too are part of this movement and can help make a lasting difference. One way to do that is considering including a gift to Amnesty in your Will. This act of generosity is much more than a donation; it is a bold stand on the right side of history.

A legacy gift to Amnesty International will help fund a kinder, more equal world. It is a legacy of hope that will touch the lives of thousands and ensure that our fight for human rights will continue long into the future.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STEPHEN BOWEN ON WHAT LEGACY GIVING MEANS

It is more important than ever to hold on to what you believe in and what you know is right. Your legacy can be the light that continues to shine in the fight for human rights.

*In solidarity,
Stephen Bowen
Executive Director
Amnesty International
Ireland*

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KEY MILESTONES



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1961

WE SPOKE UP FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

If you supported Amnesty International in the sixties, you helped establish our work on Prisoners of Conscience that continues to this day, supporting people locked up for their beliefs and standing up against injustice.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST TORTURE

Following our worldwide campaign, the UN unanimously adopted the Declaration against Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.



1972



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1980

END THE DEATH PENALTY

Amnesty launched its first campaign against the death penalty. By the end of 2021, 144 countries had abolished the death penalty in law or practice. This is thanks to the hard work and commitment of Amnesty supporters for over 40 years.

AMNESTY CAMPAIGNS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)

to bring those responsible for genocide and war crimes to justice. The ICC is established in 2002.



1993



2004

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN LAUNCH

By 2008 the United Nations Resolution 1820 made sexual violence a war crime against humanity.

ARMS TRADE TREATY

After 20 years of determined lobbying and campaigning by Amnesty International and partner NGO's, the UN General Assembly voted to adopt the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).



2014

The Treaty rules to stop the flow of weapons and munitions to countries where they could be used to commit human rights violations.



2015

'SHE IS NOT A CRIMINAL' REPORT

Amnesty International Ireland released its first domestic research report documenting the barriers and stigma faced by women and girls and the devastating impact of Ireland's criminalisation of abortion.

UNCOVERING THE TRUTH IN CHINA

Amnesty has been collecting testimonies and advocating internationally to help end the persecution of the Uyghur community in Xinjiang in Western China. When graduate student *Guligeina Tashimaimaiti* disappeared inside a



2020

re-education camp after returning from studying overseas, over 20,000 supporters called on China to reveal her whereabouts and release her. Thanks to your determination Guligeina was freed in May 2020.

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WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE TOGETHER

THANKS TO YOU, PEOPLE LIKE IBRAHIM ARE FINALLY FREE

Irish citizen **Ibrahim Halawa** was just 17 when he was arrested on a family holiday in Egypt. He was accused by the Egyptian authorities of inciting others to violence. Only a teenager and for these baseless charges, he was imprisoned in hellish conditions for four years. Throughout the trial process, the prosecution could not produce a single

piece of evidence against him and his trial was adjourned more than 30 times. Almost 30,000 Irish people took action calling for Ibrahim's immediate and unconditional release. Hundreds of calls were placed to the Egyptian Embassy protesting his detention.

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As time went by, I started to lose hope. It felt like the cell was pressing on my chest. But suddenly, on my birthday, there was hope again. It turned out that Amnesty International had motivated 25,000 people to send me a birthday card. All I can say about it is that it saved my life.”



BERNARDO CAAL XOL IS RETURNED TO HIS FAMILY, BECAUSE YOU SPOKE UP

Bernardo, a teacher, a 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. More than half a million actions were taken on his behalf during Amnesty's 2021 Write for Rights Campaign. In March 2022 Bernardo was finally released.



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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.”

BY REMEMBERING AMNESTY IN YOUR WILL YOU CAN CONTINUE TO CHALLENGE INJUSTICES WHEREVER THEY HAPPEN.



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 tirelessly campaigned for Iranian authorities to release them. In February 2023, Yasaman and Monireh were released from prison early. A gift in your Will could help us keep fighting for the protection of freedom of expression.

HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IRELAND

A gift in your Will is much more than a donation, it's a declaration that you are leaving a legacy that will continue to fight against injustice. Your kindness will help protect people around the world, no matter what the future may hold.

Making a Will can seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be.

HERE'S HOW TO WRITE YOUR WILL IN 4 SIMPLE STEPS:



1 THINK ABOUT YOUR 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 or contact your solicitor to make or update your Will.

2 APPOINT YOUR EXECUTORS

Carefully choose people you trust and have the ability to carry out your wishes.

3 SUPPORT THE PEOPLE AND CAUSES YOU CARE ABOUT

After you have looked after your loved ones, you may wish to support the charities and causes you care about. If you would like to leave a gift to Amnesty International Ireland – thank you and please use the wording on the next page.

4 MAKE SURE YOUR WILL IS VALID

Sign your Will in the presence of two independent witnesses who are not beneficiaries of your estate and choose a safe place to store your Will.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR GIFT

There are three main types of gifts you can consider when making your Will:

RESIDUARY GIFT – or ‘share of your estate’, is the percentage of your estate after your debts and other gifts have been paid out that you choose to leave. It will not devalue over time.

PECUNIARY GIFT – or a ‘cash gift’ is an exact sum of money. Inflation may devalue the amount over time, so it is important to check regularly that your Will is still in line with your wishes.

Any size gift, no matter how small, will make a huge difference to protecting human rights, wherever they are under threat.

SPECIFIC GIFT – this is a specified item rather than money, such as a car, a piece of jewellery or property.

Gifts left to us in Wills play a vital role in making sure we have the funds we need to deliver on our vital campaign work in the years to come. In fact, globally, €1 in every €8 received by Amnesty International is from people who have remembered Amnesty in their Will.

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 fixed sum

I give the sum of € ____ to ...

For leaving a specific gift

I give my __description of gift__ to ...





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

Amnesty International (Ireland) Foundation, 48 Fleet Street, Dublin 2 (hereinafter called “The Foundation”) registered charity number 20009649, to be applied for the general purposes of The Foundation or any of them, with full power to expend capital as well as income for such purposes or any of them and I direct that the receipt of any of the Trustees for the time being of The Foundation shall be good and sufficient discharge for my Executors who shall not thereafter be concerned as to the application of this legacy.’

We recommend that whether you’re thinking of making a new Will, or updating an existing one, you consult a solicitor. They will make sure your Will is valid and that your intentions are clearly and legally stated.



OUR LEGACY PROMISE

-  With your support, we'll keep holding states and individuals to account when they commit human rights violations.
-  We'll work with communities around the world, challenging discriminatory laws and protecting the equal rights we all deserve.
-  We'll be on the ground, documenting war crimes and gathering vital evidence of violations in International Humanitarian Law.
-  We'll champion Human Rights Education, providing resources and training to keep inspiring young minds to protect our freedoms in the future.

LET US KNOW YOU HAVE INCLUDED AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IRELAND IN YOUR WILL.

This means we can thank you for remembering us in this incredible way. It also allows us to welcome you into our community of supporters, and helps us to keep you updated on how gifts in Wills are keeping us in the flight for humanity together.

TODAY YOU CAN MAKE SURE YOUR COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY AND FREEDOM LIVE ON.

OUR GIFT FOR THE FUTURE

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I know that my loved ones, especially my children, will be taken care of. I also know that the world is much bigger than our small family, and it needs a strong independent voice to deal with the atrocities that happen, and to remind us that we can't stay silent, we must act. Leaving a gift in my will to Amnesty is my small way of ensuring that we continue to do just that.

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Bill Gilsdorf
(Amnesty International member since the eighties)

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I can't think of any better way to show my solidarity to the future of an organisation like Amnesty, which brings so much justice to the world, than by leaving a legacy in my will.”

Kathleen Forde
(Amnesty International member for over 30 years)



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By including Amnesty in our will, we get to continue our commitment to AI's important work on human rights and help secure its legacy.”

Lee Seymour
(with Amnesty International since 2005)

JOIN A COMMUNITY OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SUPPORTERS WHO UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF LEAVING A GIFT TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IN THEIR WILL.

CONTACT US

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

If you are considering leaving a gift in your Will to Amnesty International Ireland, we can help answer any questions you may have.

Please contact our Legacy Specialist **Rosie O'Keeffe Doyle** at: legacy@amnesty.ie
Tel: (01) 863 8300

Should you decide to leave a gift to help support Amnesty International's work defending human rights these are our details that you'll need to include in your Will:

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