

After escaping and recovering from his life as a child soldier, Peter* is going to school and dreaming big. "I'd like to fly the way an aeroplane flies," he says.



A GUIDE TO WRITING YOUR WILL



Save the
Children

CHANGE STARTS HERE

**It's something many of us put off doing.
Or don't know where to start.**

But writing your will is easier than you might think. This guide sets out the steps you should follow and answers questions you may have.

You already know that writing your will matters. It's a way to remember people and causes you are close to. It's an opportunity to leave your mark on the world.

It can also be a chance to create a lasting legacy for children around the globe. Because as the stories in this guide show, when we believe in children, amazing things are possible.

By leaving a gift to Save the Children – however small or large – in your will, your legacy can unlock children's potential and transform the future.

But it's not a legacy until you make it one.

This booklet can help you do just that.

Lucy, 11, from Wallsend, took part in a summer scheme to prepare for secondary school.



GETTING STARTED

Writing your will is more straightforward than you might think. The next few pages take you through the process.

Whether you're making a will for the first time or amending a pre-existing one, it's important to consult a solicitor or legal adviser (see section on Simple Ways to Write Your Will).

Before you do that, it's a good idea to think about what your assets are and your wishes for them.

LOOKING AFTER YOUR LOVED ONES

When consulting your legal adviser, you can find out more about what to include in your will to make sure your loved ones are taken care of.

WORKING OUT YOUR ASSETS

To create your will, you'll need to work out the value of your assets. Then you need to add up your liabilities, which could include credit card or bank loans.

This doesn't need to be complicated. **Use the checklist on the next page to work out the approximate value of your estate.**



CHOOSING EXECUTORS

An executor of your will is someone you choose to make sure your wishes are carried out. You can have more than one executor, and they could be a legal professional, friend or family member.

You should check with them that they're willing to do this. If you choose a legal professional, there will be a fee.

HOW TO INCLUDE YOUR GIFT

Leaving a gift in your will to Save the Children is simple, and your generosity will help build a brighter future.

If you'd like to include Save the Children in your will, simply insert and complete the following message:

I give to The Save the Children Fund of 1 St John's Lane, London EC1M 4AR, registered charity numbers 213890 and SC039570 ___% of the residue of my estate/£_____ [specified amount] absolutely for its general charitable purposes.

Don't forget to use our full name and details to make sure the gift reaches us.

ASSET CALCULATOR

How much you have

EVERYTHING I OWN (ASSETS):

→ House value	£
→ Car	£
→ Jewellery	£
→ Furniture/antiques/collectibles	£
→ Bank accounts - current balance	£
→ Building society - current balance	£
→ Stocks and shares	£
→ Life assurance policies	£
→ Other possessions	£
TOTAL	£

EVERYTHING I OWE (LIABILITIES):

→ Mortgage - outstanding balance	£
→ Overdrafts	£
→ Credit card debts	£
→ Bank loans	£
→ Other debts	£
TOTAL	£
TOTAL ASSETS	£
LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES	- £
TOTAL ESTATE VALUE	= £

Please remember that if you do decide to remember Save the Children in your will, a gift of any size will make a big difference to children around the world.

IT'S NOT A LEGACY UNTIL YOU MAKE IT ONE

By leaving a gift in your will – however big or small – you can help transform children's potential to create a better, fairer world for generations to come.

Take a look at stories from four children around the world to see what's possible.



MUNNI ON A MISSION

Munni is so passionate about the power of education she has started her own school – turning a local rooftop into a classroom. This extraordinary 16-year-old seemed destined to miss out on her education altogether when, three years ago, her father and grandfather had arranged for her to be married, like so many girls in the slums of Patna, India.

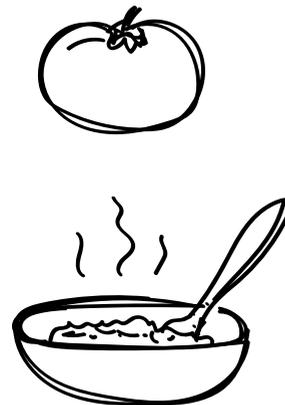
Save the Children's community workers helped prevent the marriage and Munni became part of one of our 'children's groups'. That's when she decided to begin classes for local women – backed by advice and equipment from Save the Children – teaching them literacy and numeracy, and giving them information on health and family matters.

"If we have education, we must give it to our brothers and sisters," she says.



POSITIVE ENERGY

Zahi's* mum Asha* has set up a new restaurant business with our help – and in the space of two years it is thriving. It's gained a reputation for providing delicious food – the best in the area. With the profits Asha hopes to expand the business and put her children through school.



It's all a far cry from the family's life before the restaurant. Drought and conflict in Ethiopia had destroyed their farming livelihood, and Asha and her three young children were forced to flee the fighting.

"I go to the shop. I get mum pasta and tomatoes sometimes," says Zahi, age 5. "I carry the chair to help my mum. My mum's customers sit on this chair. It's easy for me because I am strong."



KIANNA SEES THE BIGGER PICTURE

Kianna was worried about starting secondary school – fearing she might not fit in and that she’d struggle with the work. Our summer holiday club in Wallsend gave her the chance to make friends and grow in confidence.

“Education is important for you to grow up to be the person you’re going to be and to get a job,” says Kianna. “Education is like your life – you need it in your life.”

When she grows up, Kianna wants to care for people with disabilities or health problems.

Wallsend is home to one of eight Children’s Communities we’ve helped set up in some of the most deprived areas of the UK. Recognising it ‘takes a village to raise a child’, we connect the dots between schools, GP surgeries and other local services to give children like Kianna wraparound support.

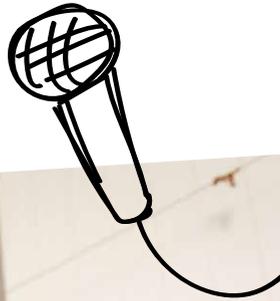
RHYME AND REASON

“We are children who stand against child marriage. We will fight the world to stop it.”

Hiba* and Rama* are rappers, activists and footballers. They are part of Save the Children and Arsenal’s Coaching for Life programme. It empowers children to stand up for their rights through football coaching.

These two talented Syrian sisters are using rap music to spread a crucial message about girls’ rights. They’re already changing attitudes in Za’atari refugee camp in Jordan, where they live. They’ve helped stop a girl from their school being married and got their parents’ support to turn down proposals themselves.

Now, the sisters are unstoppable.



SIMPLE WAYS TO WRITE YOUR WILL

You can find a local solicitor and write or update your will whenever is most convenient for you.

The cost will vary depending on the complexity of your will, and you can choose to write mirror wills with your partner if your wishes are the same.

The Law Society is the independent professional body for solicitors, and you can search its official directory at [lawsociety.org.uk](https://www.lawsociety.org.uk)

WILL AID

If you make your will during November, you can use the Will Aid scheme to find a local participating solicitor who will waive their fees and write your will for a suggested voluntary donation. This donation supports the nine Will Aid partner charities, of which Save the Children is one.

You'll get the peace of mind that comes with having a solicitor write your will, while supporting Save the Children at the same time. Bookings are available from September, but be sure to act fast as places are in demand.

[Find out more at willaid.org.uk](https://www.willaid.org.uk)

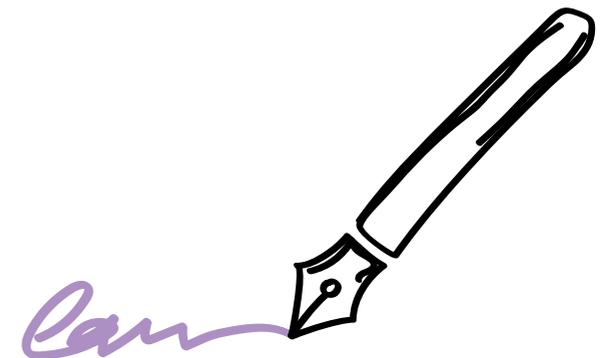
FAREWILL

With Farewill, you can write your legally-binding will online. Their simple process, available throughout the UK, takes most people less than 15 minutes. And if you have any questions, you can talk to their team on their live chat service or on the phone from 9am to 7pm, seven days a week.

Once you've finished writing your will, their in-house experts will check it over and let you know if anything needs to be clarified. Then all you have to do is print it out, sign it alongside two witnesses and pop it away somewhere safe.

[Find out more at farewill.com](https://www.farewill.com)

If you are considering leaving a gift in your will to Save the Children, the following Farewill code will enable you to make your will for free: SCUK - WILLGUIDE



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

I'm prioritising my family and friends; can I still give to Save the Children?

Of course, looking after our loved ones comes first. After making sure that they will be provided for, it is still possible to support children around the world with a gift in your will. See the next page for the different types of gifts you can leave.

Should I let Save the Children know?

If you let us know your intentions, we'll know how best to support you. It also gives us a chance to thank you if you do decide to remember Save the Children in your will. Of course, any information you provide is completely confidential and in no way legally binding.

Do I need to use a solicitor to write or amend my will?

We recommend you consult a solicitor or legal adviser to make sure that all the legal formalities are covered and that your will is valid. The cost will vary depending on how complex your will is. You can also choose to write a will in November, which is Will Aid month, using a participating solicitor. Instead of paying a fee, you will be asked to make a voluntary donation to charity.

Are there different types of gifts that I can leave in my will?

Yes, there are three types. A pecuniary gift is a fixed amount of money. A specific gift is a gift of a specific item, like personal possessions, land or shares. And a residuary gift is a percentage or share of the balance of your estate once all other payments and gifts have been made. Many people prefer to give a residuary gift because it keeps in line with inflation and does not lose value over time.

Are there any tax benefits if I leave a charitable gift in my will?

In the UK, Inheritance Tax is currently paid to the government at a rate of 40% if your estate is worth more than £325,000. However, the rate might be reduced to 36% if 10% or more of your estate is left to charity. Most gifts left to Save the Children are exempt from Inheritance Tax because we are a charity. You can find out more by contacting HMRC or a solicitor or legal adviser.

If you would like more information, contact our legacy manager in your region – see back page for details. Alternatively, call our supporter care line: 020 7012 6400.

A GIFT
THAT LASTS

A LIFETIME



Anna has decided to support Save the Children with a gift in her will – and she’s seen the kind of life-changing impact it will have.

“I am lucky enough to have visited Tanzania to see some of Save the Children’s work first-hand. I spent time alongside a community where it’s normal for children to drop out of school at a young age and start work – just to feed their families.

“I saw the impact of Save the Children’s *Tuseme*, or ‘Speak Out’, club. It gives children a collective voice to raise their worries with staff – whether that’s the cost of school uniforms or pressure from their families to start work.

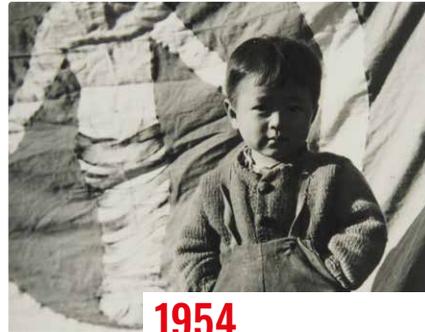
“The children say they feel empowered and happier, and attendance and school performance have shot up. Save the Children also runs apprenticeships in the community for teenagers who want to be tailors, carpenters or beauticians.

“All this work is so focused on the future. Its effects will ripple not just through this community, but Tanzania as a whole. Its legacy will be generations of children who can go on and build a brighter future.”

– Anna Stanford, Save the Children supporter

BE PART OF HISTORY

For more than a century, we've helped millions of children – thanks to people like you. By leaving a gift in your will, your legacy will last for generations.



1919

Eglantyne Jebb and Dorothy Buxton founded the Save the Children Fund to help children in the aftermath of the First World War.



1954

War in Korea left thousands of children destitute. We set up a healthcare clinic, feeding centre and playground in a refugee camp, and worked alongside children in Korea for 20 years.

1984

When famine hit Ethiopia, we raised the alarm and distributed life-saving food supplies, feeding 7,000 malnourished children a day.

2000s

We increased our emergency response, reaching 1 million people affected by the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami.

1920s

1930s

1940s

1950s

1960s

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

2020s

1921

To support children hit by the Russian famine, we delivered over 600 tons of food, set up 1,400 kitchens and fed more than 650,000 people.



1944

Our research on nutrition helped inspire the Education Act, which made school meals and milk a requirement for local authorities in the UK.

1924

The Declaration of the Rights of the Child, first written by Eglantyne Jebb, was adopted by the League of Nations.

2014

When Ebola broke out in West Africa, we reached 4.6 million people, including 2 million children, across Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia, and helped stop the virus in its tracks.



Chris de Bode / Panospictures for Save the Children



Sophie Hamandishe / StC

2020

All around the world, the coronavirus pandemic forced schools to close and has thrown families into poverty. In its first year our Covid-19 response reached 29 million children and adults.

2020–2030

No child should die from preventable causes before their fifth birthday. Every child should get an education. And violence against children should no longer be tolerated. We're determined to make that happen by 2030. Will you join us?

If you have any questions about creating your legacy, please contact our legacy manager in your region:

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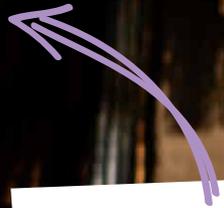
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Save the Children exists to help every child reach their full potential. In the UK and around the world, we make sure children stay safe, healthy and keep learning, so they can become who they want to be.



Harriet*, 14, is aiming high. After fleeing war in her home country, she's caught up on the education she missed - and even been elected head girl by her fellow students. "I'm going to change the world," she says.

* We've changed some children's names to keep them safe.



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