



**Your guide to leaving a gift in
your Will to RedR UK**



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Welcome and Thank You

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your Will to RedR UK.

Making a Will is a personal and important decision. It is a way to look after the people closest to you, reflect the values that matter most, and help shape the future you want to support. At RedR UK, we understand that family and loved ones come first. After you have provided for them, you may also wish to remember a cause that reflects your commitment to a safer, fairer, and more resilient world.

For 45 years, RedR has worked alongside people and organisations responding to crises. **Our role is to strengthen the skills, confidence, and practical knowledge of those closest to disaster response, so they are better equipped to protect lives, reduce harm, and support recovery.**



Today, crises are becoming more complex. Conflict, climate change, displacement, and damaged infrastructure are placing increasing pressure on communities and on the people working to support them. In this context, practical training and technical expertise can make a lasting difference.

A gift in your Will can help RedR look ahead. It can help us remain ready to respond to emerging needs, invest in long-term learning, and support local and national responders with tools they can adapt and use in their own contexts. Your Will expresses what really matters to you.

By remembering RedR, you can help sustain work that equips people to respond to crises with skill and care – now and for generations to come.

Why leave a gift to RedR UK?

When disaster strikes, effective response depends on people: their knowledge, confidence, judgement, and ability to act safely in difficult circumstances.

RedR UK is a humanitarian capacity strengthening organisation. In simple terms, this means we help people and organisations build the practical skills they need to prepare for, respond to and recover from crises. We do this through training, mentoring, technical assistance and shared learning.

Our work is grounded in the belief that those closest to crisis are often best placed to lead response and recovery. RedR's role is to support, strengthen and connect that expertise – not replace it. We work with local and national responders, humanitarian organisations, engineers, community-based organisations and partners across the world to ensure that learning is practical, relevant and rooted in local realities.

RedR was founded by engineers and remains deeply connected to that heritage. Today, our work brings together humanitarian learning, engineering expertise and climate resilience. This combination helps responders make safer decisions, reduce risks, protect essential services and support communities facing increasingly complex challenges.



We work across the full crisis cycle. Before disasters happen, during emergency response, and through recovery and rebuilding. Our support includes helping responders assess risks, plan safely, manage projects, coordinate with others, understand humanitarian principles, strengthen climate adaptation, or apply technical knowledge in emergency settings.

A legacy gift can help make this work possible in the long term. It gives RedR the flexibility to respond where needs are greatest, sustain high-quality learning, and invest in the people and systems that make effective humanitarian action possible.

By leaving a gift in your Will to RedR UK, you can help ensure that people responding to future crises have the skills, tools and support they need – wherever and whenever they are needed most.

The difference your gift could make

A gift in your Will can help RedR continue to support the people and organisations responding to crises around the world.

Because legacy gifts are often received in the future, they give RedR something especially valuable: the ability to plan ahead. They help us sustain the knowledge, relationships and practical support that make effective disaster response possible. Not only in today's emergencies, but in the crises that have yet to happen. Your gift could help RedR strengthen work in areas such as:

Training frontline responders

When disasters happen, people's safety depends on the skills of those responding. RedR provides practical training so that responders can act safely, make informed decisions and support people affected by crisis with care and professionalism.

Supporting locally led response

People closest to crisis often understand the needs, risks and realities of their communities best. RedR works with local and national responders, community organisations and partners to strengthen the skills and systems they need to lead response and recovery in their own contexts.

Providing technical expertise where it is needed

RedR's engineering roots remain central to our work. We help connect technical knowledge with humanitarian needs, supporting responders to address practical challenges such as damaged infrastructure, water and sanitation, safer shelter, climate risks and emergency planning.

Building climate resilience

Climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of disasters. RedR supports people and organisations to understand climate risks, prepare for shocks such as droughts and floods, and develop practical approaches that help communities adapt and stay safer.

Helping organisations respond in uncertain times

Humanitarian needs are rising while funding is under pressure. Flexible gifts help RedR remain ready to respond to emerging needs, sustain high-quality learning and adapt our support as crises change.

Every gift matters. Whether large or small, a gift in your Will would be used carefully and responsibly to support RedR's charitable purpose. It can help ensure that people responding to future crises have the skills, tools and support they need – wherever and whenever they are needed most.

RedR UK's story and future focus

Our Story

RedR was founded on a simple but powerful idea: that engineering skills can save lives in times of crisis. In 1980, civil engineer Peter Guthrie helped provide water, sanitation and shelter for people who had fled the Vietnam conflict. The experience showed how vital engineering expertise can be in an emergency and led to the creation of the Register of Engineers for Disaster Relief, now RedR UK.

More than four decades later, that founding purpose still shapes our work. RedR continues to bring together technical knowledge, humanitarian learning and practical support so that people responding to crises can act safely, effectively and with confidence. Today, more than 240 million people worldwide are expected to need humanitarian assistance and protection in 2026, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

RedR's work has evolved with the challenges facing communities and responders. We now work with engineers, humanitarian workers, local and national organisations, governments, and community-based organisations to strengthen the skills and systems needed before, during and after disaster. Our focus is on long-term capacity: the practical knowledge, judgement and leadership that remain in communities and organisations after direct support ends.

1980 — RedR is founded

Civil engineer Peter Guthrie establishes the Register of Engineers for Disaster Relief after seeing the need for engineering expertise in emergency settings.

1991 — Training for aid workers

RedR launches its first training programmes, recognising that sharing skills and knowledge can have a wider and longer-lasting impact.

1985 — First emergency response

Early work supports the response to the Ethiopia famine, demonstrating the value of practical technical expertise in humanitarian contexts.

2005 — Boxing day tsunami

RedR supports learning and capacity strengthening in Sri Lanka, helping responders strengthen practical skills during recovery.

2010 — Haiti earthquake

RedR deploys engineering expertise and technical assistance to support response and recovery following the earthquake.

2022 — Locally led response in Ukraine

Following the escalation of the war in Ukraine, RedR identifies capacity gaps and supports local responders, including engineers and humanitarian organisations, with practical training and technical expertise.

2019 — Climate resilience

RedR expands its Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction work, supporting practitioners to understand climate risks and strengthen preparedness.

2025 and beyond

RedR continues to strengthen the capacity of responders across humanitarian services, climate resilience and locally led technical support.

As crises become more complex, our focus is on practical learning, technical excellence and supporting people closest to crisis to lead effective response.

For over 45 years, RedR has helped people apply practical skills and technical knowledge in times of crisis. A gift in your Will can help that work continue for the future.

Building climate resilience in Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, communities are facing severe climate challenges. For Abdulhadi Achakzai, Founder and CEO of the Environmental Protection Trainings and Development Organisation (EPTDO), practical knowledge is essential to helping people prepare for disasters before they happen.

Abdulhadi took part in RedR's seven-week Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction training between September and November 2024. The course introduced practical tools and methods that he and his organisation now use in their work across rural Afghanistan.



Abdulhadi leading field work in Afghanistan (Photo Credit: Abdulhadi Achakzai)

“ I use the technologies, methodologies, and skills I learned every day.

After completing the training, Abdulhadi and his team applied their learning by installing early warning systems in schools and mosques. These systems help communities receive timely alerts about disasters, even where infrastructure is limited and literacy levels may vary.

EPTDO also works with teachers to help students understand disaster preparedness, including how to identify safer places during extreme weather events. This kind of community-based approach helps knowledge reach people through trusted local spaces.

Abdulhadi's story shows how RedR's support can strengthen locally led action. By sharing practical skills with people already working in their own communities, RedR helps knowledge stay where it is needed most.

A gift in your Will can help RedR continue supporting people with the skills and confidence to prepare for crises before they happen.

Types of gift you can leave

There are several ways to remember RedR UK in your Will. You do not need to decide this alone, a solicitor or qualified Will-writing professional can help you choose the option that is right for you and your loved ones.



A share of your estate

This is often called a residuary gift. It means leaving RedR UK a percentage of what remains of your estate after your loved ones have been provided for and any debts, taxes, expenses and other gifts have been paid.

Many people choose this kind of gift because it keeps its value in proportion to the size of the estate. Even a small percentage can make a meaningful difference.



A fixed sum

This is often called a pecuniary gift. It means leaving a set amount of money to RedR UK.

If you choose this option, you may wish to review it from time to time, as the value of a fixed sum can change over the years.



A specific gift

This means leaving a particular item or asset, such as shares, property or another item of value.

Your solicitor can advise you on the best way to include this in your Will.

Whatever type of gift you choose, your family and loved ones should come first. After that, a gift to RedR UK can help continue work that reflects your values and supports future crisis response.

Suggested wording for your solicitor

If you decide to include RedR UK in your Will, your solicitor will need our full details:

Charity Name	RedR UK
Registered Charity Number	1079752
Company Number	3929653
Registered Office	308 Ewell Road Surbiton Surrey, KT6 7AL United Kingdom

The following wording is provided as a guide only. Please ask your solicitor or qualified Will-writing professional to advise on the wording that is right for your circumstances.

For a share of your estate

"I give [all / ____%] of the residue of my estate to RedR UK, registered charity number 1079752, of 308 Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7AL, for its general charitable purposes. I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of RedR UK shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

For a fixed sum

"I give free of tax the sum of £____ to RedR UK, registered charity number 1079752, of 308 Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7AL, for its general charitable purposes. I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of RedR UK shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

For a specific gift

"I give [description of item or asset] to RedR UK, registered charity number 1079752, of 308 Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7AL, for its general charitable purposes. I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of RedR UK shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

We recommend leaving gifts for RedR's general charitable purposes where possible. This gives RedR the flexibility to use your gift where it is most needed. If you would like your gift to support a particular area of work, please speak to us and to your solicitor so your wishes can be understood and recorded clearly.

RedR UK cannot provide legal or financial advice. This wording is for general information only.

How to make or update your Will

Making or updating a Will can be more straightforward than many people expect. Taking time to prepare before speaking to a solicitor can help make the process clearer.

1. Think about the people and causes you want to remember

Start with the people closest to you. You may also wish to include charities or causes that reflect your values.

2. Make a list of what you own

This may include your home, savings, investments, pensions, life insurance, vehicles, business assets, personal possessions and anything owed to you.

3. Make a list of what you owe

This may include a mortgage, loans, overdrafts, credit cards or other debts.

4. Choose the type of gift you may wish to leave

You may choose a share of your estate, a fixed sum, or a specific item or asset.

5. Choose your executors

Executors are the people responsible for carrying out the instructions in your Will. Many people choose trusted family members, friends, or a solicitor.

6. Speak to a solicitor or qualified Will-writing professional

A professionally prepared Will can help ensure your wishes are clear and legally valid. This is especially important if your estate is complex, you have dependants, you own property overseas, or you want to include charitable gifts.

7. Keep your Will somewhere safe

Let your executors know where it is stored. You may also wish to keep a copy with your own important papers.

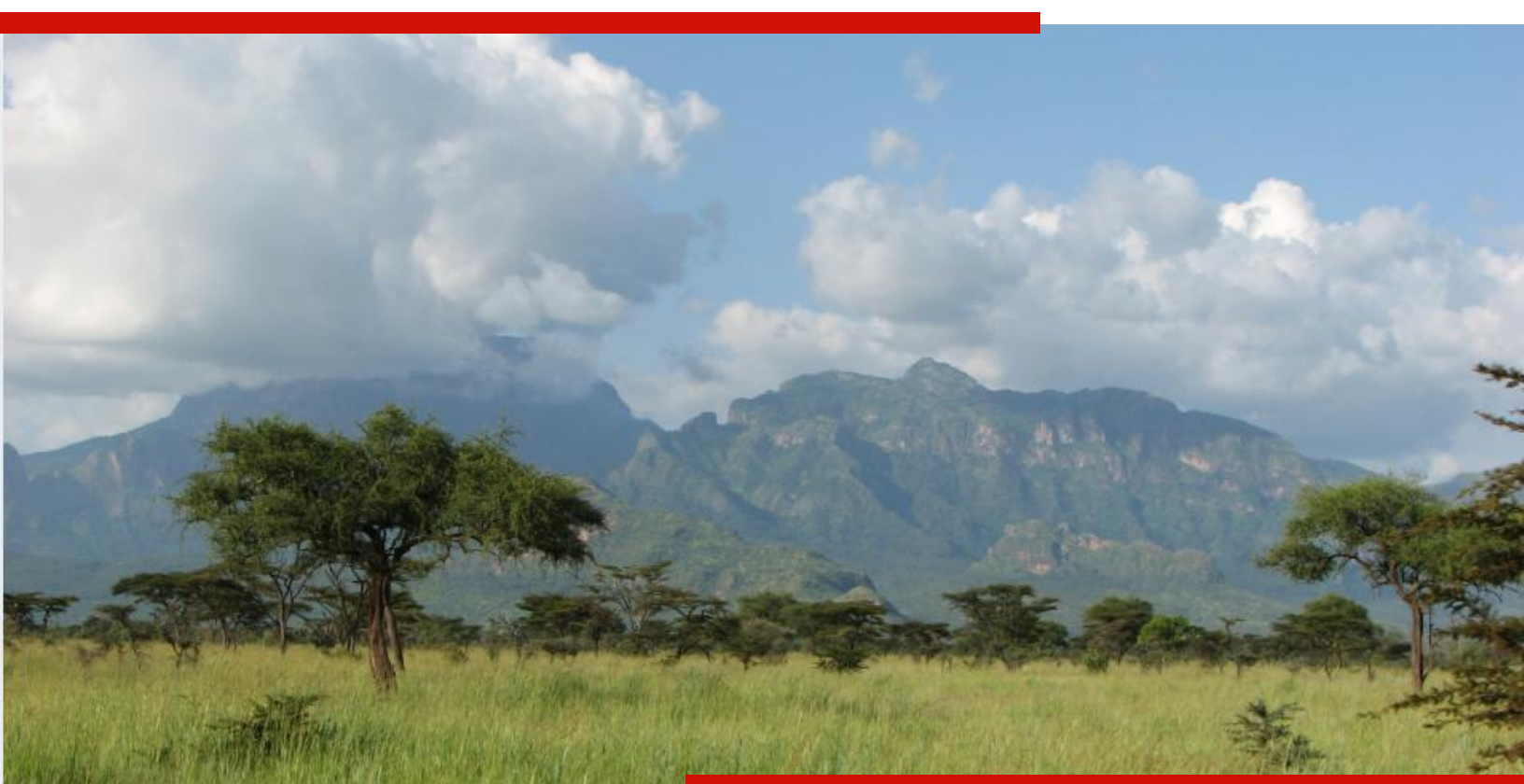
If you already have a Will

If you already have a Will, you may be able to add a gift to RedR UK by making a codicil. A codicil is a legal document that changes an existing Will. It must be signed and witnessed correctly, just like a Will. Please do not write changes onto your existing Will yourself, as this could make it invalid.

A note on Inheritance Tax

Gifts to UK registered charities are usually exempt from Inheritance Tax. In some cases, if you leave 10% or more of the net value of your estate to charity, the Inheritance Tax rate on part of your estate may reduce from 40% to 36%. The standard Inheritance Tax threshold is currently £325,000, though different allowances and exemptions may apply depending on your circumstances.

Inheritance Tax rules can be complex and may change. Please speak to your solicitor or a qualified adviser for guidance on your own situation.



(Photo Credit: Wright, E., Mount Kadam. Wikimedia Commons)

Our promise to you

Leaving a gift in your Will is a personal decision, and we will always treat it with care and respect.

If you choose to remember RedR UK, we promise that:

- ❖ we will never put pressure on you to leave a gift.
- ❖ we understand that your family and loved ones come first.
- ❖ we will respect your privacy and treat anything you share with us in confidence.
- ❖ you can change your mind at any time.
- ❖ we will use your gift carefully and responsibly, in line with RedR's mission and charitable purpose.
- ❖ if you would like to talk to us, we will answer your questions honestly and clearly.

Your Will is your own. We are grateful for your consideration, whatever you decide.

Frequently asked questions

❖ **Do I need to tell RedR UK if I have included a gift in my Will?**

No. Your Will is private and you do not have to tell us. If you choose to let us know, it gives us the opportunity to thank you and keep you updated on our work. Anything you share will be treated in confidence.

❖ **Can I change my mind?**

Yes. You can change your Will at any time. We understand that personal circumstances can change.

❖ **What size gift makes a difference?**

Any gift can make a difference. You should give only what feels right for you and your circumstances.

❖ **Can I update an existing Will?**

Yes. If the change is simple, your solicitor may advise adding a codicil. Please do not write changes onto your Will yourself, as this could make it invalid.

❖ **Are gifts to charity exempt from Inheritance Tax?**

Gifts to UK registered charities are usually exempt from Inheritance Tax. In some cases, leaving 10% or more of your estate to charity may reduce the rate of Inheritance Tax on part of your estate. Please speak to a solicitor or qualified adviser about your circumstances.



Glossary

Beneficiary: A person or organisation that receives a gift from your Will.

Codicil: A legal document used to make a change to an existing Will. It must be signed and witnessed correctly.

Estate: Everything you own, minus anything you owe.

Executor: The person or people responsible for carrying out the instructions in your Will.

Inheritance Tax: A tax that may be paid from an estate above certain thresholds. Gifts to UK registered charities are usually exempt.

Legacy or bequest: A gift left in a Will.

Pecuniary gift: A gift of a fixed amount of money.

Residuary gift: A gift of a share of what is left after other gifts, debts, taxes and expenses have been paid.

Specific gift: A particular item or asset left in a Will.



Contact details and legal note

If you would like to speak to RedR UK about leaving a gift in your Will, or if you have already included RedR UK and would like to let us know, please contact:

Email: fundraising@redr.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1079752

Company number: 3929653

Registered office: 308 Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7AL

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We strongly recommend speaking to a solicitor or qualified adviser when making or updating your Will, particularly if you are considering a charitable gift or have questions about Inheritance Tax.

