

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL



Tibet has been occupied for almost 70 years. In this time, more than 100 nations have gained their independence. We don't know how much longer Tibetans will have to struggle for their freedom but we do know that Free Tibet will be with them every step of the way. We'll be mobilising support, combatting the Chinese propaganda and putting pressure on governments for as long as it takes.

A gift to Free Tibet in your will is an empowered way to influence the future for Tibet. It will honour your memory, keep alive your ideals and serve for years to come to intensify the campaign for Tibetan freedom.

Free Tibet exists because Tibetans have the right to decide their own future. What that future is depends on what we do today. Your gift needn't be a large amount to make a difference. Currently gifts range from a few hundred pounds to hundreds of thousands of pounds; but they all mean we can have a greater impact.

This factsheet will give you the information you need to help you decide how best to leave a gift in your will including the difference between Free Tibet and our charity research partner Tibet Watch, guidance on types of legacy gifts, and suggested wording.

HOW TO LEAVE US A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

As one of the world's most effective campaigning organisations on Tibet, Free Tibet relies entirely on the support of individuals like you to fund our work to bring freedom to Tibet. If and when the time is right for you to support us in your will the following information will help answer your questions.

Free Tibet and Tibet Watch

There are two organisations that you may want to consider when writing or updating your will: Free Tibet and Tibet Watch. The two organisations are very closely linked - they share the same director and the same office space for instance - but there are important differences between them:



Free Tibet is a UK company limited by guarantee (company number: 03103487)



Tibet Watch is a UK registered charity (charity number: 1114404) with a field office in Dharamsala, India

Free Tibet

Free Tibet is the organisation that you may be familiar with from our campaigning, lobbying and awareness raising activities. We are not eligible to be registered as a charity due to the political nature of our work. A gift to Free Tibet in your will supports our independence from governments and corporations. It is this independence that leaves us free to challenge any government or corporation we believe is supporting China's oppressive rule of Tibet.

Tibet Watch

Tibet Watch works to promote the human rights of the Tibetan people through monitoring, research and advocacy. The charity provides Free Tibet with vital corroborated eye-witness accounts of human rights abuses inside Tibet. The charity also uses this evidence to lobby governments and other institutions such as the United Nations. As it is a charity, a gift in your will to Tibet Watch will be exempt from UK inheritance tax.

You may wish to speak to your solicitor about whether it is better for you to leave a legacy to the charity Tibet Watch or to the non-charity Free Tibet. This may depend on your inheritance tax situation. Whichever organisation you decide should benefit in your will (or you may consider giving to both), your gift will help us ensure that we can make a very real difference to the future of Tibet.



Choosing the gift

When you have decided which organisation you would like to leave a legacy gift to, you will need to decide on the type of gift. There are three main types of gifts that can be left in your will:

Residuary Gift

A residuary gift is the gift of the remainder of your estate, or a percentage of the remainder, after all other gifts to family and friends have been distributed and all outgoings (e.g. funeral costs) have been dealt with.

Pecuniary Gift

This is a gift of a sum of money, such as £5,000. As time passes this fixed sum will lose value so you may wish to consider linking the gift to the Retail Price Index in order to safeguard its value. You should consult your solicitor and/or accountant for full details on index-linking.

Specific Gift

This is a gift of a specific item or items such as jewellery, property, stocks and shares or works of art. Free Tibet or Tibet Watch will usually sell the items and put the proceeds to good use.

Suggested wording for 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 them.

Legacy to Free Tibet Campaign

I give to Free Tibet Campaign (company number: 03103487) of registered office address Unit 82, The Link, 49 Effra Road, Brixton, London, SW2 1BZ

1. the sum of _____ pounds [£___]
2. my _____ (*describe the gift you wish to leave e.g. my art collection*)
3. all / ____% (*delete which does not apply*) of my residuary estate

for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of Free Tibet Campaign shall be full and sufficient for the said legacy and provided that if before my death (or after my death but before my executors and trustees have given effect to the gift) the organisation has changed its name or amalgamated with any other organisation then my executors and trustees shall give effect to the gift as if it were a gift to the organisation in its changed name or to the organisation which results from the amalgamation or to the organisation to which the assets have been transferred.

Legacy to Tibet Watch

I give to Tibet Watch (charity number: 1114404) of registered office address Unit 82, The Link, 49 Effra Road, Brixton, London, SW2 1BZ:

1. the sum of _____ pounds [£___]
2. my _____ (*describe the gift you wish to leave e.g. my art collection*)
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for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of Tibet Watch shall be full and sufficient for the said legacy and provided that if before my death (or after my death but before my executors and trustees have given effect to the gift) the charity has changed its name or amalgamated with any other organisation then my executors and trustees shall give effect to the gift as if it were a gift to the organisation in its changed name or to the organisation which results from the amalgamation or to the organisation to which the assets have been transferred.

Although it is not necessary to use a solicitor to draft or update your will, we do recommend that careful consideration is given to using one so that costly mistakes can be avoided. Please do not hesitate to contact our Fundraising Manager if you have any further questions. They can be reached on 020 7324 4605 or via email at mail@freetibet.org

Thank you for your support

