



**AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL**



**STAY  
ON THE  
RIGHT  
SIDE OF  
HISTORY**

**LET YOUR  
HUMANITY  
LIVE ON**

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

COVER: Former Chinese prisoner of conscience Chen Zhenping being greeted by her family and Amnesty International activists upon her arrival in Finland. Chen Zhenping had been detained and sentenced to eight years behind bars – all because of her religious beliefs.  
Photo: © Amnesty International

Throughout history, there have always been attacks on freedom, justice and dignity. It can be sad to see what human beings are capable of, but there is always hope. Because for every perpetrator, there are people who care enough to protect human rights, wherever they are under threat.

By supporting Amnesty International, you've been on the right side of history, shaping some of the most important moments of our times. By pledging a gift in your Will, you can let your humanity live on.

After all, behind every big historical moment are the stories of ordinary people, just trying to live happy, fulfilling lives. Thank you for never forgetting them.

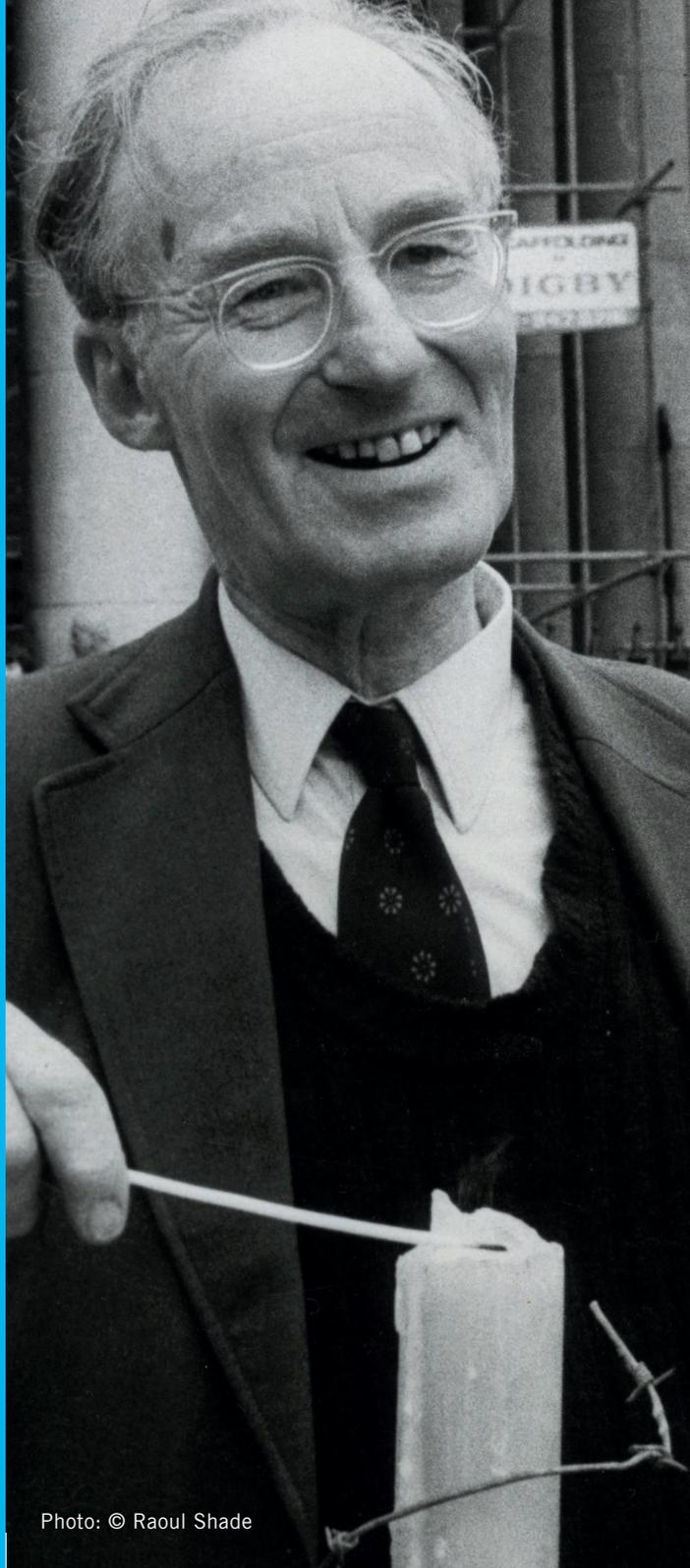


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## 1962

### WE SPOKE UP FOR PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

If you supported Amnesty International in the sixties, you helped establish the Prisoners of Conscience fund, supporting people locked up for their beliefs.

## 2002

### WE REFUSED TO IGNORE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

After a long-running campaign, we helped bring about the creation of an International Criminal Court to investigate and prosecute those suspected of genocide and war crimes.

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**1975**

**TOGETHER, WE HELD TORTURERS TO ACCOUNT**

Following our worldwide campaign, the UN unanimously adopted the Declaration against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

**1986**

**THOUSANDS OF US TOOK A STAND AGAINST APARTHEID**

Amnesty International members wrote to more than 10,000 members of parliament and people of influence in South Africa, strengthening the case against apartheid.

**1998**

**WE PROVED THE POWERFUL ARE NOT UNTOUCHABLE**

If you were with us in the nineties, your support helped build a legal case against General Pinochet for his crimes against humanity committed in Chile. He was arrested in the UK.

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**2013**

**WE HELPED STOP THE SUPPLY OF WEAPONS FOR WAR CRIMES**

After 20 years of our campaigning, the UN adopted the Arms Trade Treaty. This set out robust rules to stop the flow of weapons to countries committing crimes against humanity.

**2021**

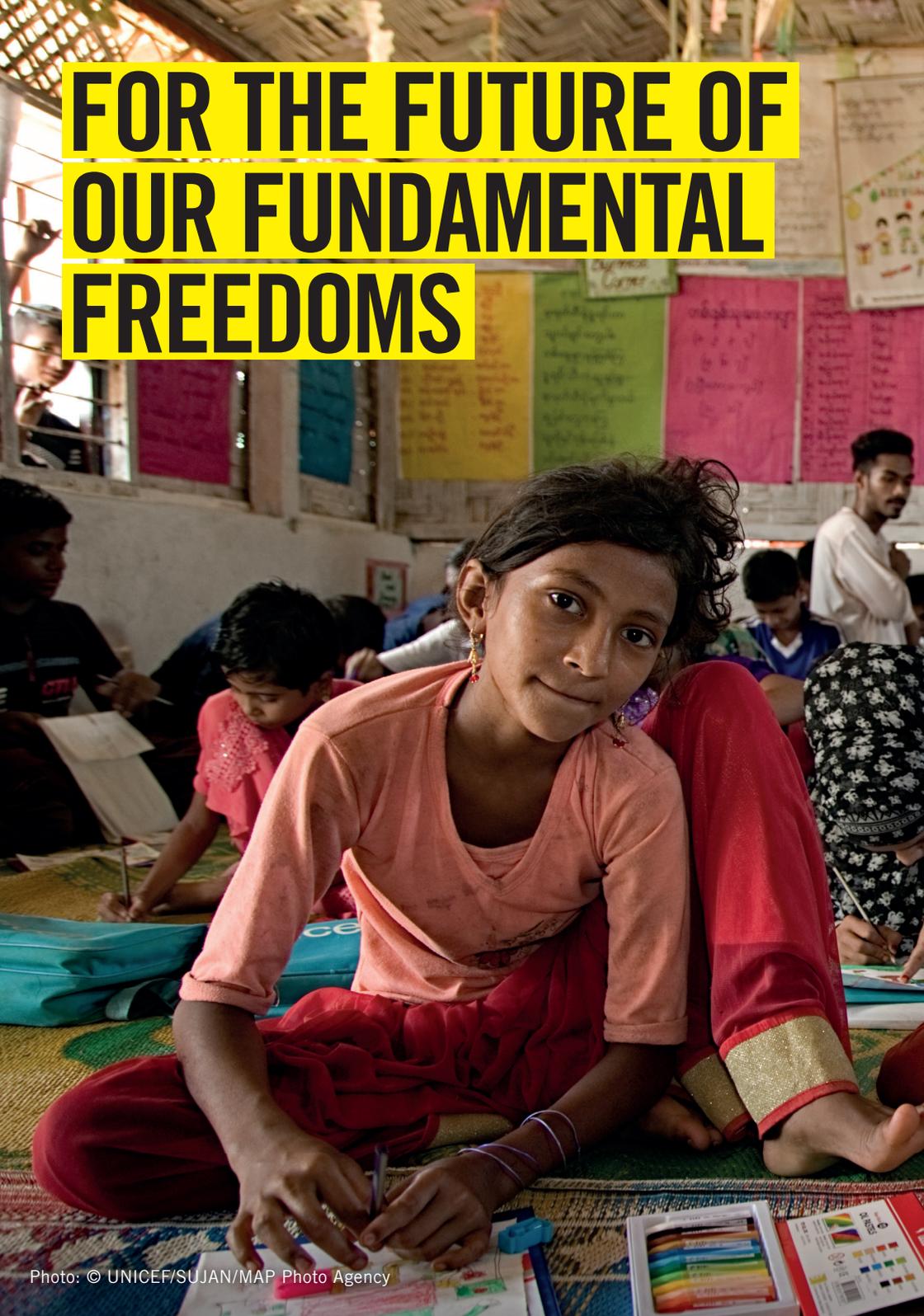
**WE SHOWED COMPANIES THEY CANNOT ACT WITH IMPUNITY**

When Shell caused environmental damage in the Niger Delta, we helped locals seek justice. The Supreme Court ruled in favour of the communities, setting an important precedent.

**WHEN PEOPLE ARE SILENCED BY OPPRESSION, WILL YOU CONTINUE TO SPEAK UP?**

**Pledging a gift in your Will to Amnesty International UK is one of the most powerful ways to let your humanity live on.**

# FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS



## YOU CAN KEEP PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

You can help us make sure that human rights are never taken for granted. With your support, we'll keep holding states and individuals to account when they commit atrocities.

## YOU CAN KEEP STANDING UP AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

A gift in your Will can help us work with communities around the world, challenging discriminatory laws and protecting the equal rights we all deserve.

## YOU CAN KEEP EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION

We've been providing resources and training for human rights education for over 25 years. With your support, we can keep inspiring young minds to protect our freedoms in future.

## YOU CAN KEEP SHOWING TORTURE IS NEVER JUSTIFIABLE

You can help us campaign for more measures to protect people from torture and bring the perpetrators to justice, from checks on detention centres to improving access to lawyers.

**ALWAYS BE  
THERE FOR  
PEOPLE  
FACING  
OPPRESSION**

**Pledging a gift in your Will to Amnesty International UK is a powerful way to protect people's rights beyond your lifetime.**



**“I LEFT A GIFT IN MY WILL BECAUSE THE ISSUES THAT AMNESTY CONFRONTS WILL GO ON FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. KNOWING THAT MY LEGACY CAN ACTUALLY HELP CONTINUE THIS WORK IS COMFORTING TO ME.”**

– Tatina Semprini

**PROTECT  
PEOPLE  
ALWAYS**



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## PROTECT PEOPLE LIKE GERMAIN, WHEN THEY'RE IMPRISONED FOR HELPING OTHERS

In Burundi, East Africa, Germain Rukuki was sentenced to 32 years in prison. He was simply carrying out human rights work – but he was arrested under charges of threatening internal state security. His unjust imprisonment was a huge focus for our campaigning, and in June 2021, Germain's sentence was reduced from 32 years to just one. He has now been released and has met his youngest son at last. **A gift in your Will could help us keep fighting for the freedom of people who have been unjustly imprisoned.**



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## STAND UP FOR PEOPLE LIKE PAING PHYO MIN'S FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

In Myanmar, Paing Phyto Min performed a satirical poem that would see him sentenced to six years in prison. The performer was accused of criticising the military, both on stage and online. We successfully campaigned for Paing Phyto Min's freedom – he was released from prison in Myanmar on 17 April 2021. **If you believe that peaceful satire should never result in jail time, will you keep protecting freedom of expression with a gift in your Will?**



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## SPEAK UP WHEN A CHILD LIKE MAGAI IS GIVEN THE DEATH PENALTY

When Magai was 15-years-old, he fired his father's gun at the ground. Tragically, a bullet bounced and killed his cousin. His trial took place in South Sudan, where he was sentenced to death with no lawyer representing him. So we mobilised over 765,000 people to write to President Salva Kiir, and joined a huge global campaign calling for him to overturn the death sentence, which he did. The authorities everywhere must abolish this cruel, inhuman punishment. **A gift in your Will can help us continue to campaign for those facing the death penalty like Magai.**

# WRITING OR UPDATING YOUR WILL IN 4 SIMPLE STEPS

## 1 Write or update your list of 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** to make or update your Will.

## 2 Choose your executors

In your Will, include the names of the people you trust to carry out your wishes. These can be family members, friends, or professionals such as solicitors and accountants. It's best to consult your chosen executors before you appoint them.

## 3 Support the people and causes you care about

After any other beneficiaries are taken care of, you may wish to support the charities and causes you care about. If you would like to include Amnesty International UK, please use the wording supplied on the right.

## 4 Finish your Will

You will need two independent witnesses present when you sign your Will. These witnesses cannot be beneficiaries of your estate. Then choose a safe place to store your Will, where it will be easy to locate. It's important to keep your Will up to date if your circumstances change.

# USE OUR FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE

Face to face with  
a local solicitor



Our partnership with the National Free Wills Network gives you access to a local solicitor, at no cost to you. To request a referral to the Network, please fill in the Intentions form in the back pocket of this guide.

In the comfort  
of your own home



If you live in England or Wales, you can make the most of our partnership with Co-op Legal Services. This lets you arrange your Will online and by phone, with a dedicated Wills specialist.

Go to **[www.co-oplegalservices.co.uk/amnesty](http://www.co-oplegalservices.co.uk/amnesty)** to start your Will online or call **0330 0417 799** to request a call-back to write your Will over the phone.

\* Our free Will writing service covers the cost of a 'simple Will' which Amnesty International UK pays a discounted fee for. If your Will is more complex, any additional charges would be agreed between you and your chosen solicitor or Wills specialist.

# 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 cash gift

I give the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ to....

## For leaving a specific gift

I give my \_description of item\_ to...

## Then add this wording to pledge a gift to Amnesty International UK

...Amnesty International UK Section Charitable Trust, The Human Rights Action Centre, 17–25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA, registered charity number 1051681 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.”



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# LEGAL LANGUAGE AND INHERITANCE TAX

## Residuary gift

A residuary gift, or ‘share of your estate’, is the percentage of your estate that you choose to leave to a beneficiary. It will not devalue over time.

## Pecuniary gift

A pecuniary gift, or ‘cash gift’, is an exact sum of money. Inflation may devalue the amount over time, so it’s best to check your Will is still in line with your wishes or consider a residuary gift instead.

## Specific gift

This is a specific item rather than money, such as an antique or shares. It’s important to describe these items exactly.

## Reversionary gift

This is when you leave a gift to someone for their lifetime, on the understanding that after their death, it then goes elsewhere. It’s best to consult your solicitor about these gifts.

## Codicil

This is a legal document that explains or updates your existing Will. There’s a codicil form for adding a gift to Amnesty International UK in the back of this leaflet, should you wish to use it.

## Inheritance tax

It’s important to be aware of your Inheritance Tax liability.

Leaving a gift to charity such as Amnesty International UK can lower the amount of Inheritance Tax payable on your estate, reducing the amount of tax your beneficiaries will have to pay. It’s best to check the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website for all the latest information about Inheritance Tax.





# THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

LET YOUR HUMANITY LIVE ON  
WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

## MEET THE GIFT IN WILLS TEAM



Emma Simpson



Christina Sandberg

Thank you so much for considering a gift to Amnesty International UK in your Will.

If you'd like to speak to someone in our Gifts in Wills team about your plans, please call **020 7033 1627** or email [legacy@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:legacy@amnesty.org.uk) and Emma or Christina will be happy to help.

## OUR PROMISE TO YOU

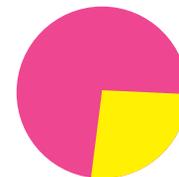
We are committed to the highest standards in fundraising.

Read our promise to you:

[www.amnesty.org.uk/promise](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/promise)

## WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

Here is a breakdown based on our spending in 2020: For every £1 donation 77p is spent on human rights work and 23p on raising further funds.



### Amnesty International UK Section Charitable Trust

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