



Give Tibet's children
the best possible
chance to grow up free

A Gift In Your Will

Tibet has been occupied for over 60 years. In this time, over 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 Tibet Watch will be monitoring and documenting their efforts every step of the way.

A gift to Tibet Watch 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.

Tibet Watch documents and exposes the ongoing human rights abuse in Tibet. Our researchers collect information from a network of brave individuals who are committed to ensuring that the world hears the truth about China's repression and brutality. We also carry out interviews with newly arrived Tibetan refugees, monitor Chinese government websites and media, track changes in policy or law and review both Tibetan and English language news. We believe that accuracy is vital in our work and so all of the information we disseminate is verified and corroborated before being published or passed on.

All the information we collect is recorded on a secure human rights database and is used by national governments, UN bodies, NGOs, campaigning groups and international media. It is also used to produce thematic reports on key issues. These have previously included torture, the 2008 Beijing Olympics and children's rights.

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; all gifts mean we can have a greater impact. This factsheet will give you all the information you need including the difference between Tibet Watch and our campaigning organisation partner Free Tibet, guidance on types of legacy gifts and suggested wording for your Will.

How To Leave Us A Gift In Your Will

Thank you so much for thinking about us in your Will. Tibet Watch relies almost entirely on the support of individuals like you to fund our work. If and when the time is right for you to support us in your Will the following information will help answer your questions.

You may not be aware that Tibet Watch has a campaigning partner, Free Tibet. Together we work to bring justice to Tibet.

Tibet Watch and Free Tibet Campaign

There are two organisations that you may want to consider when writing or updating your Will: Tibet Watch and Free Tibet Campaign. 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:



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



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

Tibet Watch

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

Free Tibet Campaign

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

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 Campaign. This may depend on your inheritance tax situation. But whichever organisation you decide should benefit in your Will (or you may consider giving to both), your most valuable 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. Tibet Watch or Free Tibet 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 Tibet Watch

I give to Tibet Watch (charity number: 1114404) of registered office address 28 Charles Square, London, N1 6HT:

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 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.

Legacy to Free Tibet Campaign

I give to Free Tibet Campaign (company number: 03103487) of registered office address 28 Charles Square, London, N1 6HT:

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.

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 legacies@tibetwatch.org .

Thank you for your support

