

A LASTING LEGACY: TO TRANSFORM SOCIETY



A gift in your will could help us continue to provide quality education to conflict-affected people. It can be a way of helping your memory to live on, helping others to gain vital life skills, and of contributing to peaceful development.

Wills are not always easy to talk about, but they are important. By making a will, you can be certain that your wishes are known and will be acted on. It's a way to remember people and causes you are close to. It's an opportunity to leave your mark on the world.

Writing a will is something many of us put off doing or don't know where to start. This guide sets out the steps you should follow and answers questions you may have.

If you don't have a will, your estate will be divided according to the law when you die. This could mean that your wishes are not carried out as you would want them to be. Having a Will, especially one written by a solicitor, is the only way of ensuring that your loved ones and chosen charities will be remembered as you wish.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your will to Windle International. Your kindness and generosity means children and young people, so often overlooked, will not be forgotten.

After taking care of family and friends, including a gift in your will to Windle International is an incredible way to support quality education for children and young people affected by conflict.

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.

This document will explain some of the key things you need to consider when preparing a will. If you have any questions at all, we are happy to hear from you.

Thank you.

Writing your will

Whether you're making a will for the first time or amending a pre-existing one, we strongly advise that you consult a solicitor or legal adviser.

You'll also need to choose an executor, someone who makes sure that instructions in your will are carried out. You can have more than one executor, and they could be a legal professional, friend or family member.

It's sensible to review your will every few years or when your circumstances change. Things change and it's important to keep your will up to date so that it reflects your wishes. In either event, we advise you to contact a solicitor to make any changes.

Leaving a gift to Windle

If you decide that you would like to leave a gift to Windle International there are three main ways you can do this:

- A residuary gift - this is a percentage of your estate
- A pecuniary gift - this is a precise amount of money
- A specific item - such as a piece of jewellery or art

All gifts are vitally important to Windle International's work. However, residuary gifts are particularly helpful as they usually maintain or increase their value over time.

If you do decide to leave a gift in your will to Windle International, you may wish to discuss the following wording with your solicitor:

"I give to Windle International of CMS House, Watlington Road, Oxford, OX4 6BZ, United Kingdom, registered charity number 1153544, ___% of the residue of my estate / £ ___ [specific amount] for its general charitable purposes."

Where does your money go?

70%

On our educational programmes, directly helping children and youth to reach their academic potential.

29%

On our governance, to ensure a high level of accountability to the communities we serve.

1%

On our fundraising to secure more donations and grow our programmes.

The impact of your legacy

Windle International is proof that a legacy can become history and change people's lives. Thanks to the legacy of our founder, Dr Hugh Austin Windle Pilkington, every year we help over a million refugees, people affected by conflict, and those who have been marginalised to access quality education.

Conflict and instability in eastern Africa make it one of the world's most fragile regions, with over 11 million people being displaced. Significant parts of the region are struggling to address armed conflict, violent crime, extremism, communal violence and political instability.

Displaced young people suffer from high unemployment, lack of skills and low literacy rates. They are 36 times less likely to access education and vocational training compared to young people in the rest of the world.

Windle International believes that education transforms society. We empower children and youth to achieve their academic potential, and contribute to sustainable development, by acting as a lead provider of quality education and training.

We are one of the only international NGOs focusing solely on education for refugees and marginalised communities.

From managing primary schools to providing higher education scholarships and offering vocational training, we help people to succeed at every educational level.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, education in Uganda was seriously affected by what became the world's longest school closure.

To ensure the continuity of quality education in refugee settlements, Windle International Uganda delivered radio lessons conducted by trained teachers in Mathematics, English, Science and Social Studies, helping students continue to prepare for exams.



A gift that lasts a lifetime

In November 2021, Muna Ahmed became the first student to graduate from the DAFI (Albert Einstein Academic Refugee Initiative) tertiary education scholarship programme being implemented on behalf of UNHCR by Windle International Somalia.



"I was born in Mukkalah, Yemen, in 1992, the second child in a family of four. I successfully completed her primary and secondary education in Taizz. But when civil war broke out, my family was forced to flee and seek sanctuary in Somalia as refugees in 2016."

"Despite the upheaval, I was determined to continue my education. My family used what little savings they had so that I can get enrolled at East Africa University. And my commitment to education paid off, and in September 2019, I was awarded the DAFI scholarship."

"After graduating from the Medical Laboratory in the faculty of Medicine and Health Science, I believe that everyone should have the opportunity to foster their dreams. I am determined in my belief that being a refugee is not a permanent situation, and that all people, especially those who have experienced conflict, have dreams and talents that need to be nurtured."

"I am on my way towards achieving my dreams. There are many other refugees like me with dreams and aspirations, and all they need is a chance to actualise and achieve them."

Individuals like Muna have committed to improving life for others. Through a gift in your will, you could leave a lasting legacy that helps more people in Muna's situation turn their dreams into reality, and ultimately contribute to creating more peaceful societies through education.



You don't have to let us know if you choose to leave a gift to us, we understand that this is a very private thing, but we'd love to be able to say thank you if you do.

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