

# HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF COMPASSION



**“When the whole world is silent, even one voice  
becomes powerful.”**

**Malala Yousefzai**



International Liberty Association

# A message to you from Carolyn, an ILA trustee:



I come from London, but for the past 30 years I've been living in Lewes, Sussex. My father was a professor of Islamic studies in London University. On the idea of putting ILA in my will, last year I had an operation and I thought, suppose I don't survive.

I didn't have time to alter my will before I had the operation, but I was determined to do it afterwards so that if I die, before ILA accomplishes its goals, which I very much hope that I don't, they have something with which to carry on. I have a message for ILA friends and supporters that what you are doing is extremely important and it is what absolutely must be done.

Keep up your courage and carry on. I urge everyone to mention the name of ILA in their will which makes a big contribution to the long term goals of ILA.

## Sowing the seeds of hope and peace

ILA's most important goal is to expose serious human rights violations and to promote activities to alleviate the suffering of victims of these abuses and give them hope for a better future.

ILA also believes in a non-nuclear world, free of weapons of mass destruction, a world where environment is protected and continuity of prosperous living is guaranteed for generations to come.

[Front cover] Children hold the future of our values, culture and traditions in their innocent hands and will pass them on intact to the generations that follow.

We will continue to support all humanitarian and legal efforts to protect and promote the safety and freedom of these peoples.  
CHRIS, IMGEN & FAMILY

## Introduction

This brief guide shows how a legacy gift will help us save those whose lives are in danger because of human rights abuses and enable them to hope for a better future in a safe and secure environment.

Please read on to discover how, by leaving us a gift in your will, your kindness and compassion may live on and make a huge difference to the life of those in need.

## What ILA is

The International Liberty Association (ILA) is a registered Charity (charity number: 1160607). It was formed to promote a respect for human rights throughout the world and at the same time to do whatever is necessary to reduce the suffering of the victims of such abuses by focusing international opinion on the situation.

The work that you [ILA] do is very important.  
ROB, LIZ & FAMILY

ILA realises that respect for the most fundamental rights is a noble objective that can only be achieved in a democratic environment where human rights and the rule of law are respected, women's rights are upheld and gender apartheid is abolished.

## ILA aims to:

- Promote human rights (as defined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations) internationally with particular focus on Middle Eastern Countries,
- Aid refugees who are victims of human rights abuses,
- Raise awareness of human rights issues and promoting public support for human rights, using all possible public network and communications,
- Educate the public about human rights in order to consider Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the way of living at peace and keeping a distance from extremism by promoting tolerance, human rights and religious harmony.

... is the true testament to the human spirit, to never give up however hard and long the road to liberty may be.  
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## Messages from the ILA-volunteers:



**Janet:** Born and brought up in London, I have been fortunate to enjoy living in a society in which I have been able to take many aspects of freedom for granted and as of right. Learning how such freedom of speech, belief and movement have been denied to so many people in the world has led to my support of the International Liberty Association. The sacrifices made by so many core members of this organisation and the courage, single-mindedness and dedication they display is inspirational. It is good to see more members for many years, and campaigners from different faiths as well as like-minded organisations working together against the disregard for human life and the degradation of religious belief under depraved, barbaric and theocratic totalitarian regimes.



**Steve:** What impresses me about the ILA is that everybody in it is a volunteer and all the money which they raise goes to what they do. All they do is to give, give, give and give. They do not want to take. It is not in their nature. I have a great confidence in them. What really matters in these people is a sort of brotherhood of man, whatever of the religion, culture, sexual orientation and all that sort of thing. It is about caring for each other and is a movement which actually represents me as a person, as a human being, as somebody being on the planet, what am I here for, be at one with my fellow man. You can know any of these people and know that you will only get honour and honesty. I think it will do a lot of good. It has done me a lot of good. It has made a lot of difference in my life. It has given my life, grounding.



**Davina:** I have always given to charity and have never known where the money has gone. I feel privileged that the ILA enabled me to save at least 3 people's lives and that I have been able to meet these people in Albania in their new camp. If you can give a donation to the ILA now or in the future via a gift in your will, you will be playing a part in history and helping to establish a safer world for our children and grandchildren. I have found no other charity that can give its supporters so much involvement in all aspects of its work and where you can have direct contact with the recipients of your generosity. Once you hear their story, you too will want to help them and together we can make a better world.



**Geoff:** I've come to know many ILA folk over the years: lawyers; teachers; a gifted (and hilarious) cook; a tailor- designer with a passion for "the American songbook"; IT freaks; a soldier who refused to order his men to turn their guns on unarmed civilians; a young man who sacrificed his looks and nearly his life for the cause. As for the women, they're as various as their men. The devout cover their heads in public, others observe the tradition "as and when", yet others are as chic as any Parisians. So many of the women have endured abuse, imprisonment, torture, even rape for being "inappropriately attired". There are many worthwhile causes in the world but to oppose the brain paralysis of fascism – not to mention its hysteria, sadism and curious death wish – seems to me especially urgent.



**Diana:** Now that we have managed to get those brave Iranian dissidents out of Ashraf and Camp Liberty in Iraq, we can really focus on human rights in Iran. We have been making great strides. We must now move forward resolutely and with our whole energy to end the atrocities perpetrated on Iranians in their own country by those in power.



**Steve:** show These people the finest qualities of human perseverance and boundless energy & enthusiasm. Lesser mortals would have given up the struggle long ago, but their tireless energy has seen them through to the goal of rescuing their brothers and sisters from Camp Liberty and their relocation to Albania. I would urge any of you that can make the journey, to visit Albania. It is a humbling but uplifting experience, to see the work they are doing there. They demonstrate the human spirit at its finest. Since retirement, I have become a more active volunteer. I help give lifts to volunteers who cannot easily get to the social events held in the London area. When pressed, I have also spoken at some of these socials. I too will be leaving a gift to ILA in my will to help the ongoing struggle.



**Peter:** The injustices we witness across the world are heartbreaking and our governments' apathy is infuriating, but what has the biggest impact on me is the inspirational attitude of those who have firsthand experience of the dictatorship. Their optimism and perseverance is staggering.



**Max:** I live about 20 miles north of Cambridge. I've been a supporter of ILA for several years and agree entirely with their aims which include exposing the ruling Iranian regime's terrible history of executions, murder, torture and oppression of their own people.



**Stuart:** ILA is working hard to support all those who have been persecuted, unjustly imprisoned and oppressed and those whose loved ones have been murdered by the regime in Iran. I urge everyone to support ILA and to put pressure on their government to act to bring an end to this terrible situation.

**Stella:** I am so happy that everyone is out of Camp Liberty, and pray that soon all Iranian people will live in Freedom.



**Philip:** All the people working for the charity are volunteers and none receives an income, nor does the charity employ consultants to work for it. As such, all donations received are used directly to support our work.

## Message from Human Rights Activists, Lawyers, and Experts



**Geoffrey Robertson:** ( Human Rights Barrister, author)

Only by telling that truth (about 1988 Massacre), and having it widely appreciated can the other horrors that this regime is perpetrating be called out.

On July the 29th, 1988, the worst example of the worst of all crimes happened in the prisons of Iran. There were thousands, literally thousands, of young people. It was the worst crime against humanity committed against prisoners since the Pathan death marches in the Philippines of American and Australian servicemen by the Japanese at the end of the war. Those Japanese who ordered that barbaric treatment, to march prisoners to death, were executed in the Tokyo trials. So how can that be? How is it that when every other crime committed in this world since the Second World War has had some prosecution, some retribution, this has not had any? And the relatives, the families of those who were killed in this barbaric way have not been allowed to mourn.



**Kate Robertson**  
(Founder at One Young World)

Thank you, ILA, for the very kind and courteous invitation to be here. It is an honor to be here, humbled as I am and have always been, by the work of ILA, ever since I first encountered them.



**Lord Tony Clarke** (Member of House of Lords and former Chairman of the Labour Party)

ILA enjoys a reputation for doing such wonderful work for human rights and opposing those tyrants who oppose basic human rights. I am sure that all of my colleagues in the Parliamentary association for freedom in Iran would agree with me when I say: Thank you so much, your work is so valuable, and well done.”

## ILA's achievements with the support of kind people like you:

ILA proudly has managed to reach to some extraordinary achievements with the support of kind people like you. Initially, many of these achievements seemed to be far from reach. It took years of hard work and relentless efforts by all ILA volunteers, however, we all know that we would not have reached this point if it wasn't for the heartwarming help and encouragement of our supporters.



## Together we managed to ...

.. save the lives of over 3,000 residents of the so called Camp 'Liberty' who were in danger of being massacred in Iraq. This seemed to be an impossible task to achieve initially, knowing how dangerous the situation in Iraq was under different militias linked with Iranian regime. With an impressive campaign which involved UN refugee agency, the UNHCR, we managed to relocate all the surviving residents to safety in Albania. The remarks of some of those supporters who visited the refugees in their new residence in Albania are telling:



### Peter Watsham :

We in the UK, those of us here and many more, have followed you, we have been with you when you were attacked in Ashraf, we were with you when you were denied medical facilities, we have been with you when you were denied water, we have been with you when you have been subject to torture by all those voices on loud speakers, we have been with you when you have been attacked by rockets.

I know I speak not just for my UK colleagues but those from other parts of Europe when we say, our reaction is: we are truly humbled. It is the love, the relationship, the endurance, the perseverance, the refusal to give up that vision and that hope for what we all long for: a world of peace! But you know, peace is not the absence of conflict. Peace comes from the heart. In you we see tolerance, a respect for all humanity, regardless of background, regardless of sex, regardless of anything; respect for all humanity, and a love for humanity!

# PROTECTING OUR PLANET



We inherited the earth from our parents and grandparents and we are responsible for it until we deliver it to our children and their children. It is their future that we should protect.

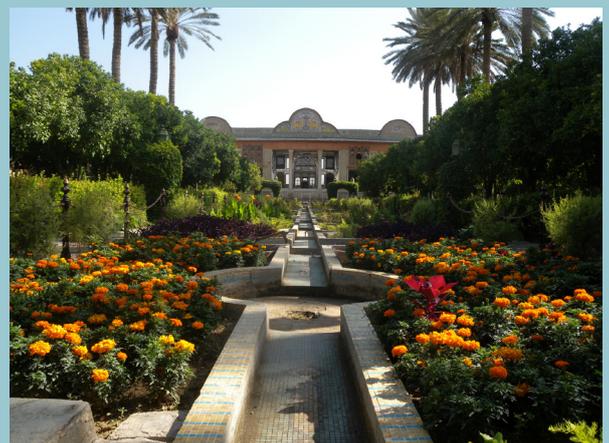
Together we can and we must leave a better world for our children, a world with pure energy, clean air, beautiful jungles, resounding rivers, and wonderful landscape.

**Let our children live free in a peaceful world with respect for human rights, a world without discrimination and violence.**

Iran is a country with 4 distinct seasons, and ancient history; a country with some of the most beautiful natural sceneries with a wide variety of animals. But unfortunately environmental activists not only are not supported by the government, but rather they are arrested, imprisoned and killed.

Together we are able to save the environment, the planet earth and our children are watching us.

By leaving a gift in your will to support ILA, you could contribute to ILA's effort to save our planet and guarantee a better future for generations to come.





A guaranteed future would make many children smile without fear.

## How a gift in your will make a difference

Your continued support so far is a testament of what you believe in. This support has allowed us to persevere and carry on and overcome all the barriers. It has helped ILA to keep our spirits up and not to give in to the problems which are in our way.

Human beings deserve to live in a society where human rights are respected. No matter how far the world is from this goal, it is our belief that it can be reached. All the people in the world, religious or non-religious, have human dignity & honour in common, so we have to work together to keep moving towards that goal.

## We yearn to see a world ...

...where friendship and tolerance replaces mistrust, hatred and vengeance ...

... where all citizens enjoy the right to freedom, the right to life and the right to security ...

Having fun with friends would become easier and safer for many children.





Happiness for all children is a goal well worth fighting for.

... where all citizens with diverse beliefs and religions can live side by side in harmony ...

... where war, bloodshed and violence are completely eradicated.

Our values can have a resonance in history and our beliefs can be represented beyond our life span. Together, we have come a long way and have seen many ups and downs. However, we have kept our visions and dreams. That is what we want for our children and our next generations.

Children play in harmony for peace and human rights at an ILA event. Let's expand this harmonic wave to future generations.



Get involved to build the future for our next generations

## A Future of Hope



### Allen

I have decided to leave something to ILA in my will. While I live, I have sufficient for my needs. After my death, my estate should be sufficient to allow me to pass on some of my good fortune to aid the work of ILA.



### David

I have decided to leave a gift to ILA in my will. I thought this would give an assurance that, even when I am no longer here, my support will help them in the ongoing struggle.



### Stella E

When making one's will it is very difficult to decide which charities to support because there are so many worthy and needy causes. I have chosen International Liberty Association because I believe that until there is an end to tyranny there will be no peace, and war is the biggest destroyer of human life and the environment. It is the nature of life that we all die, and I would like to urge all supporters of the International Liberty Association to continue their support after death by leaving a gift in their wills.

### Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa "Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love."



## How to leave a gift to ILA in your will:

Including a legacy to ILA in your will is a straightforward process. If you have not yet had a will drafted, we recommend using a qualified professional to help you. This will make the whole process legal and ensure that your wishes are made clear.

To find a local will and probate solicitor, contact below.

Please note that the Law Society does not provide legal advice for members of the public. If you require individual advice, use 'Find a Solicitor' on the Law Society's website to locate a law firm or solicitor in your area. If you need further help using 'Find a Solicitor', call the Law Society on 020 7320 5650 (Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 17:30) or send email to them.

## England and Wales:

The Law Society:

Tel: 020 7320 5650

or visit: [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk)

## Scotland:

The Law Society of Scotland:

Tel: 0131 226 7411

or visit: [www.lawscot.org.uk](http://www.lawscot.org.uk)

## Northern Ireland:

The Law Society of Northern Ireland:

Tel: 028 9023 1614

or visit: [www.lawsoc-ni.org](http://www.lawsoc-ni.org)

## International Liberty Association:

If you would like to talk to us, our dedicated team is here to help you. We would love to hear from you.

## Call us on:

Tel: 020 8452 3481

or email: [info@iliberty.org.uk](mailto:info@iliberty.org.uk)

There are three main ways that people commonly choose to leave a gift in their will to the International Liberty Association charity.

Recommended wording for your will is provided in the leaflet 'To take to your solicitor' enclosed with this booklet.

## Residuary gifts

A 'residuary gift' is a percentage of your estate: you can choose to leave a share of what is left in your estate after you have provided for your family and friends, and all debts, bills and taxes have been paid.

Leaving a residuary gift is the most commonly preferred option because it means that you don't have to change your will later if your circumstances change.

## Pecuniary gift

A 'pecuniary legacy' is a gift of a fixed sum of money, of whatever size you choose.

This type of gift will decrease in value over time as the cost of living increases.

It is possible to add a pecuniary legacy to an existing will using a simple codicil document.

## Specific gifts

You can also leave a 'specific gift'.

A 'specific gift' is a particular item that you wish to leave to the ILA in your will, for example, a house, buildings, land or valuable items such as jewellery, artwork or investments.

It is important that your gift is described precisely in your will so that your executors understand exactly what you intended.

## Codicil

If you already have a will and would you like to add the International Liberty Association name to your existing will, you can easily do so by adding a codicil.





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Charity Registration No: 1160607

**To return to us**

We are very grateful if you are intending, or have chosen, to leave a gift in your Will to International Liberty Association (ILA).

By informing us of your decision, you give us a great encourage while making important plans for the future and ensuring that we can continue our humanitarian campaign to save lives.

Please be informed that this pledge is strictly confidential.

Please tick one of the following options

- I have already included ILA in my Will
- I intend on including ILA in my Will in future
- I would like you to contact me to discus leaving a legacy

**Are you leaving:**

**Specific gift (an object or item of property/others)**

Please specify.....

**Pecuniary gift (specific sum of money or a fix amount of money)**

Please specify.....

**Residuary gift (some percentage of your estate)**

Please specify.....

I would rather not specify

**Your details**

Title: ..... First name: ..... Surname: .....

.....

City: ..... Post code: .....

Email: ..... Telephone: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Your massage:

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We are very pleased you are remembering us in your Will. Please tell us why you felt motivated to remember ILA in your Will.

Your story will encourage others to remember us in their Will.

**To take to your solicitor**

We have also included some specific wording for your solicitor to use. When you have decided which type of gift you would like to leave to the International Liberty Association, you can use the wording here to instruct your solicitor.

Recommended wording

**1. Residuary gift (a share of your estate)**

To leave a residuary gift and ensure the ILA receive all or share of whatever is left of your estate after you have provided for your loved ones:

I give.....% of the residue of my real and personal estate to the International Liberty Association Charity (Registered Charity Number 1160607)

**2. Specific legacy gift (a named item)**

To leave a pecuniary or specific gift and donate a fixed sum of money or an item to the ILA

I give to the International Liberty Association (Registered Charity Number 1160607)

**3. Specific legacy gift (a sum of money)**

**I give the sum**  
**of.....**  
**... [In words]**

**Pounds**  
**£.....**  
**..... [In figure]**  
**To the International Liberty Association (Registered Charity Number 1160607)**

**Address: 289-297 Ballards Lane, London N12 8NP**

If you decide to include a gift in your Will to ILA, we would really like to hear from you. We will treat your information with complete confidence. It is not binding in any way, but it will give us a chance to say thank you today. We would also love to hear your story about why ILA has a special place in your heart.

**Codicil Form**

I (full name)

.....

Of (full address)

.....

Declare this to be a codicil first ( ) second ( ) third ( ) to my Will which was dates and made the .....day of .....in the year.....

I give free of inheritance tax to the International Liberty Association (ILA) Charity (Registered Charity No 1160607) the sum of £..... (in word) .....for its general charitable purposes.

And/or I give following specific item(s) :Or .....% of the residue of my estate to the International Liberty Association for its general charitable purposes.

Signed: .....

Date..... (In word) .....

I direct that the receipt (s) of the proper officer of the ILA Charity (Registered Charity No 1160607) for the time being shall be full and sufficient discharge to my trustees / executor who shall not thereafter be concerned as to the application of this gift. In all other respect I confirm my said Will.

As a codicil to his/her last Will in our joint presence and by us in his/hers.

First Witness:

Name.....

.....Signed:.....

Date: .....

Address:

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Second Witness:

Name.....

.....Signed:.....

Date: .....

Address:

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