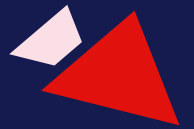





Girlguiding



# Your legacy, a promise to all girls

Find out about leaving a gift in your will to Girlguiding





**Thank you so much for considering making part of your legacy a promise to future Girlguiding girls. My name is Erin and I've been on my Girlguiding journey since I was a Rainbow. 15 years later, I'm working towards my leadership qualification and Queen's Guide Award, which is the highest award you can achieve in guiding.**



As someone who has always found guiding to be a safe haven, I can tell you that leaving any amount in your will to Girlguiding is an amazing thing to do for girls. It has always been there to make me feel better about myself, and to develop my skills and confidence even during the most difficult times of my life. Thanks to Girlguiding I feel optimistic and excited for the future.

Supporting Girlguiding is a way of making sure that in the years to come, girls like me have a space where they can experience joy, pride and enthusiasm. These are things Girlguiding has given me so much of, and that I will take with me through life – just like my mum, my grandma before her, and my great grandma before her! They were all part of Girlguiding.

Thank you again for thinking about leaving us a gift. Without people like you, Girlguiding wouldn't be the incredible force for good in the lives of girls and communities that it is.

**Erin**  
Leader, Anglia

If you would like to find out more about leaving a legacy to any part of Girlguiding, please email [legacies@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:legacies@girlguiding.org.uk) You can also call us on 020 7592 1821. Or visit [girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/donate/leave-gift-in-will](http://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/donate/leave-gift-in-will)



'I like that I can be proud of guiding and feel that I'm continuing that little bit of history that will hopefully see girls in future generations enjoy as well' Ranger

# Your legacy, a promise to future girls

## Why leave a gift to Girlguiding?

A gift in your will is a promise to future girls. By leaving a gift to Girlguiding, you'll be providing future generations of girls with somewhere to grow and learn, make new friends and take on exciting challenges.

This means that more girls will have the chance to make memories that will be with them for life. Together, your gift and Girlguiding can help every girl be who she wants to be, and know who she wants to be.

After looking after your loved ones, please consider remembering Girlguiding in your will.

\*Girlguiding impact report, Girlguiding 2023



**88% of girls agree or strongly agree that: 'Girlguiding is a place where I can be myself'.\***



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# **We've been by girls' sides for more than 100 years. Can you help us reach more girls?**

**If you believe that whoever they are, wherever they're from, girls can do anything – we wholeheartedly agree. Thank you for sharing our vision and supporting girls.**

As a charity, we rely on people like you to protect our role as the UK's largest youth organisation dedicated completely to girls. As long as we exist, all girls will have a home and a safe space at Girlguiding.

We put fun, friendship, challenge and adventure at the heart of what we do, and we listen to girls, so they shape what we offer and what we fight for. Above all, we empower girls to find their voice, unlock their potential and make a positive difference in their community and the wider world.

# There for girls at every stage

**Aged 4 to 18, Girlguiding offers new skills, life changing experiences and lasting friendships**



From arts and crafts to exploring nature, being a **Rainbow** is all about play, learning, tons of fun and magical moments.

**"My favourite thing about Rainbows is the fun activities and making loads of friends."**

**Rainbow**



At **Brownies** it's non stop fun, learning and adventure. Girls get out into the great outdoors, and start learning to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.

**"It's helped me to do stuff that I never really knew I could do."**

**Brownie**



When you're a **Guide**, you can be yourself, explore the things you love and do things you never thought you could. You can make lifelong memories on trips away, learn life changing new skills, and overcome fears with friends by your side.

**"I like doing badges, because I get to explore my interests. I get to pick what I do and get badges for things I like the most!"**

**Guide**



The freedom to be more independent, give back and be themselves is what makes **Rangers** special. Girls can earn qualifications, campaign on issues they care about, go on trips abroad, or simply hang out with friends.

**"When I go to Rangers it's a chance to be totally myself. I can let my hair down and not really care about what other people think."**

**Ranger**

# How might your legacy gift make a difference?

**She's forging her own path, but you could be a part of her journey.**

Legacy gifts have the power to shape lives in a way that is passed down from one generation of girls to the next. Two stories that capture this perfectly are those of Emma and Libby. Emma is an adult leader who credits Girlguiding with having a huge impact on her life, while Libby is one of the many girls she has inspired over the years.

## Emma's story

Volunteering with Girlguiding has had such a big impact on my life, but there are two ways that stand out in particular. The first is how much I've grown in confidence. From standing up and addressing a roomful of teenagers, to getting just as much out of the self-confidence boosting activities as the girls!



The second, is my career path. When I first became an adult leader, I was studying for a biomedical science degree, but unsure if it was the career I really wanted to pursue. Through guiding, I took on volunteering roles in marketing and communications, and realised this field far better suited my skills and interests. I was able to build up lots of really useful experience, like writing newsletters, designing recruitment materials, and managing social media pages, all of which helped me land a job in marketing when I graduated!

## Libby's story

I started my guiding journey at 7 when I joined my local Brownie unit. The young leader at my unit at the time, Emma, immediately inspired me. I regularly used to say to her, 'I want to be like you when I grow up.' I am now a leader with the young leader who inspired me at such a young age at both Brownies and Guides. She has watched me grow up over the last ten years and helped me become the leader I am today. Girlguiding has had such a massive impact on my life. For me, it has been somewhere I felt comfortable and confident and able to be myself. I was always a shy child and struggled speaking in front of people. Girlguiding has helped me grow in confidence and find my voice.



Having made their own incredible memories through Girlguiding, Libby and Emma are now helping to create treasured memories and amazing experiences for countless numbers of other girls. **These are the legacies you can be a part of.**

# A guide to making and updating your will

Writing or updating your will may seem like a big task, below are some things to make it a little easier.



## Why do I need a will?

Making a will is very important and helps you decide what happens to your money, property and possessions when you die. A professionally written and up to date will, is the only way to make sure your family, friends and causes you love are looked after.



## When should I write a will?

There's no 'right' time to write a will but there's also no need to wait to put one in place. You may be thinking about a will when there's a big change happening in your life, for example, getting married, buying a house or the birth of a child.





## Do I need to update my will?

It is a good idea to review your will to make sure it still reflects your wishes, especially if your personal circumstances have changed.



## Who should write my will?

### Write your will for free with Octopus Legacy

We've partnered with Octopus Legacy to offer you the chance to write or update your will for free. With this simple online service, you'll be guided through every step of the process. Plus, a legal professional will check your will.

While there's no obligation to leave a gift to Girlguiding, every gift helps us inspire and support girls to reach their full potential.

Get started today and claim your free will online, or call **0800 773 4014** and quote the code **GGFREE**.

Please be aware that not all free will writing services are available in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

By planning for the future in this way and leaving a gift to Girlguiding, you can help create a world where every girl can achieve anything.

We recommend using a professional service, like a solicitor or lawyer, to write or update your will, this will make sure it's valid.



## Using a solicitor

The Law Society can help find a solicitor in your area.

If you live in England or Wales, and need help finding a solicitor near you, you can contact The Law Society on **020 7320 5650** – or visit **lawsociety.org.uk**

If you're in Scotland, you can call the Law Society of Scotland on **0131 226 7411** or visit **lawscot.org.uk**

If you're in Northern Ireland, you can contact the Law Society of Northern Ireland on **028 9023 1614** or visit **lawsoc-ni.org**



**23% of girls  
in Girlguiding are  
more confident  
than their peers.\***

# Leaving a gift to Girlguiding

By leaving a gift of any size to Girlguiding, you'll be making a promise to future girls. A promise to help Girlguiding continue to provide a safe space for future generations, where girls can grow and learn, make new friends and take on exciting challenges.

We would be honoured and grateful to become part of your legacy if you choose to leave a gift.

You can decide which part of Girlguiding you would like to give to, this can include Girlguiding UK, a country, region or a local unit.

If you would like to find out more about leaving a legacy to any level of Girlguiding, please email [legacies@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:legacies@girlguiding.org.uk)

You can also call us on **020 7592 1821**

**We would love to know if  
you've left a gift to Girlguiding,  
but there's no obligation to.**



### **Legal notices**

Please note our information is not intended as legal advice from Girlguiding. We recommend you seek independent professional advice when preparing your will. And all correspondence will be treated in the strictest of confidence.



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