



Why leave a legacy to Eden?

We believe the world we live in is facing radical change and our aim is to help find positive futures in the face of that change. Any gift left in your will to Eden will help fund our charitable projects and improve our world for the next generation.

Eden Trust
Bodelva
Cornwall
PL24 2SG
Charity number 1093070



Legacy

Guide

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“I am confident that the Eden Project will continue to encourage a better understanding of the planet on which we live, to offer a vision of hope for the future, and to inspire us all to work to make this world a better place for everyone”

HM Queen Elizabeth II
1st June 2006



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Why make a will?

A Will is a uniquely personal document, and will give you peace of mind knowing that your final wishes will be carried out. It will ensure that those you love are provided for and is an opportunity for you to help those causes you have supported during your lifetime.

A lot of people don't have a Will because they think it might be too expensive to organise or they simply forget to get one drawn up – but it's easier and cheaper than you might think. Using plain everyday language this guide has been written to make the process as easy as possible. DIY wills are not a good idea – it is much better to visit a solicitor and get professional advice.



If you care about our future and humanity's ability to care for the planet then please consider leaving a gift to the Eden Project.



The Eden Project is an educational charity aiming to promote the understanding of the vital relationship between plants and people.



How to make a Will

1. Work out the value of your estate. Make a list of your assets and liabilities and work out what each is worth. (Assets are everything you own and liabilities are everything you owe). Your Estate is the sum of all your assets minus your liabilities.
2. Decide who will get what. This could include family, friends and causes that are important to you. Write down the names and addresses of beneficiaries and decide on the type of gift you would like to make to each and the amount.
3. Choose your executors. Executors are the people you appoint to carry out the instructions in your Will and to administer your estate. Executors can be family, friends or professionals – they can also be beneficiaries of the Will. Four executors is the maximum and it is sensible to have at least two. Often people appoint one family member and one professional. The professional may charge a fee that will be deducted from your estate.
4. Solicitors and witnesses. Visit your chosen solicitor with your checklist of assets and liabilities and your full list of chosen beneficiaries. Please complete our confidential pledge form if you are planning to leave a gift to the Eden Project.
5. Keep your Will safe. Once you have written your Will it can be registered at the central Will register. Tell your executors where the original Will is kept. Your solicitor will often offer to keep the original Will with a copy for you to keep at home.



Examples of wording

Should you wish to remember the Eden Project in your Will you might wish to take the following wording suggestions to your solicitor. They will ensure that your wishes are accurately followed.

Residuary donation (a proportion)

I give % of the residue of my real and personal estate which I can dispose of by Will in any manner I think proper to The Eden Trust (registered charity no. 1093070) of Bodelva, Cornwall, PL24 2SG and the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or the proper office for the time being of Eden Trust shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.

Cash donation (a set sum)

I give the sum of pounds to Eden Trust (registered charity no. 1093070) of Bodelva, Cornwall, PL24 2SG and the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer or other proper office for the time being of Eden Trust shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.

It is important to ensure that the following clause is inserted whichever wording you need to use:

If at my death any charity named as a beneficiary in this Will or any Codicil hereto has changed its name or amalgamated with or transferred its assets to another body then my Executors shall give effect to any gift made to such charity as if it had been made (in the first case) to the body in its changed name or (in the second place) to the body which results from such amalgamation or to which such transfer has been made.

Please also remember to use our full name Eden Trust and the correct registered address and charity number.

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The Eden Project provides a stage on which we show some of the choices we can make to foster a better world.

Confidential

Pledging a donation in your Will to the Eden Project

If you have remembered, or intend to remember, the Eden Project in your Will, thank you.

First Name

Last Name

Address

Postcode

Daytime telephone number

Email address

- I intend to leave a legacy to the Eden Project
- I would like to find out more about how a legacy can help the Eden Project
- I enclose a donation to the Eden Project
- I have already left a legacy to the Eden Project

Thank you for helping the Eden Project

If you are not a member of the Eden Project and would prefer NOT to receive further details about our work then please tick this box.

Please return this form to:

**Legacy Officer,
The Eden Project,
Bodelva,
Cornwall,
PL24 2SG**



Codicil

A codicil can be used if you already have a Will – a codicil is an appendix to an existing Will.

I [name]
of [address]

declare this to be a (first/second) codicil to my Will [date]

In addition to any legacies given in my said Will I give to the Eden Project, Bodelva, Cornwall, PL24 2SG Charity number 1093070, the sum of £ (or specific item/ % share of my estate) to be used for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorised officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge. In all other respects I confirm my said Will and any other codicils thereto.

Signed

Witness by:

Signature	<input type="text"/>	Signature	<input type="text"/>
Name	<input type="text"/>	Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Occupation	<input type="text"/>	Occupation	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>

(Two witnesses are needed in England, Wales and Northern Ireland; 1 witness in Scotland).

Frequently Used Terms

Administrator

Someone appointed by the court to arrange your affairs if you die without making a will.

Beneficiary

A person or organisation who will receive a gift in your will.

Bequest

The gift you leave in your will

Codicil

A separate document altering or adding to your existing will.

Estate

All the assets you leave after your death, including money, investments and property.

Executors

The person or people you choose to make sure the wishes in your will are properly carried out.

Intestate/Intestacy

Describes a person or situation in which someone dies without making a will.

Legacy

A gift left in your will.

Legatee

A person or organisation who stands to receive a gift in your will.

Pecuniary legacy

A gift of a set sum of money.

Probate

The right granted to your executors by the court to distribute your estate according to your will.

Residue

The amount left in your estate after all debts, taxes, costs and gifts have been paid.

Residual legacy

A gift of part or all of the residue of your estate can be any size from 1% - 100%

Specific legacy

The gift of a particular item rather than money.

Testator

A person who makes a will.

Trustee

Someone appointed to administer any part of your estate that you leave under trust or a person on the board of a charity.

