

Leave the gift of *wonder*
for generations to come

Thank you for considering leaving a gift to the Eden Project in your Will.

A Will is a uniquely personal document, and can give you peace of mind knowing that your final wishes will be carried out. It ensures that those you love will be provided for, and is an opportunity for you to invest in the causes that have been significant to you in your lifetime.

“The future is ours to invent. Let’s create a world we want to live in.”

Dr. Tony Kendle, Eden Project



Why remember Eden in your Will?

The planet is under threat from human actions endangering its ability to sustain life as we know it. The challenges we face demand the best of us: our creativity, imagination, ingenuity, science, technology and the ability to work together. It is in understanding the extraordinary connections between all the elements of the natural world that the solutions lie.

Eden's mission is to connect people with each other and the living world, and to explore how we can work together towards a better future.

Our projects transform places and environments, and improve people's lives. Any gift left to Eden in your Will can help fund our mission and improve our world for the next generation.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss designating your gift to a particular area of our work.



Our promises to you...

- We understand that your loved ones will always come first
- We will not put you under any pressure
- We will not ask you to inform us of your decision
- We respect your right to change your mind
- Your gift will be used to support our area of greatest need

Pit to Paradise: the Eden story, so far

The Eden Project was born as Sir Tim Smit KBE began looking for an epic setting to showcase the world's most important plants and landed upon an exhausted clay pit. Construction began, amid a deluge of rain, with a world record-breaking 230 miles of scaffolding used to build the Biomes.

Over 83,000 tonnes of soil was created from recycled materials, demonstrating that environmental regeneration is possible. Our doors opened to visitors on 17 March 2001.



**Over the past two decades
we have grown to include:**



The Core

A beautiful education centre featuring our Invisible Worlds exhibit.



Eden Sessions

Our incredibly popular series of summer concerts.





The Big Lunch

The UK's annual
get-together
for neighbours.



Rainforest Canopy Walkway


Educating visitors
about the importance
of rainforests.





Apprenticeships

Work-based study of horticulture, event management and professional cookery.



The future?

We're partnering with like-minded organisations to establish collaborative Eden projects across the globe, to help deliver social and ecological benefits.



Where your gift could make a difference

Education

Schools

Education is at the heart of what Eden does. Each year, we welcome over 50,000 schoolchildren to our immersive learning environment, many of them participating in our curriculum-focused workshops designed to inspire and engage pupils with nature, science and sustainability.

Higher Education

Apprenticeships offer a breadth of learning, and an education in sustainable business as well as in the chosen career path. Our university accredited degree programmes offer a unique experience to study horticulture, event management or sustainable tourism.





Ecology

National Wildflower Centre

Devising new programmes with the aims of reversing ecological decline and bringing wildflowers back into the UK's living culture.

Plant Conservation

Increasing the population of a rare juniper on the Cornish Lizard peninsula, growing devil's-bit scabious to increase pollinator numbers, and holding a conservation collection of endangered Chilean conifers.

Rainforest research

A diverse range of projects including investigating new bio-controls for pest diseases, developing artificial soil recipes and studying rainforest canopy biodiversity.



Community

The Big Lunch

Community, friendship and fun encouraging friendlier, safer neighbourhoods where people share more – from conversations and ideas to skills and resources.

Social Prescribing

Working with GPs to provide nature-based activities for people managing chronic physical and mental health conditions. Health Walks for people with COPD, diabetes and cardiac conditions, Lunch Clubs for isolated senior citizens, and Therapeutic Horticulture for people living with anxiety and depression.



“ After caring for my parents for many years until their deaths I was bereft and left with exhaustion, depression, PTSD, anxiety and panic attacks. I couldn't go out at all. My doctor suggested Social Prescribing and I chose gardening at Eden, as I am an ex-arboriculturalist and I thought that would be the most beneficial.

I was very anxious and frightened at first, but found all of us in the group were essentially in the same place. I'm making new friends. I have learned new skills and gained new horticultural and environmental knowledge, and found myself being able to teach this to others. I have also been able to volunteer on another outdoors project at Eden.

The gardening project has lessened my anxiety so I am able to go out by myself more often. When I'm here my mind is occupied by what needs doing and I have freedom from depression and anxiety. My thoughts can wander, not down a black path, but a path where previous knowledge and learning come together. It is an amazing place, being able to connect with the natural environment and the people who come here.

Therapeutic Horticulture participant



We will use all legacy gifts where the need is greatest at the time, but please talk to us if you have any specific requests.

Why do I need to make a Will?

Your Will defines two very important things: who should inherit your money, property, and possessions; and who will be in charge of following the instructions you leave in your Will.

Writing a Will is especially important if you have children or other dependents. Everyone should have a Will, regardless of age, health or wealth, and having one saves your loved ones unnecessary distress at what will already be an emotionally difficult time for them.

Having a Will gives you peace of mind, ensuring that your loved ones will be provided for and making sure that what you wish to happen does happen.

It is also an opportunity to support the causes that have been significant to you in your lifetime, investing in your vision for a better world.



The kinds of gift you can leave in your Will

There are different ways of remembering a loved one or charitable organisation in your Will.

Share of the estate (Residuary)

A gift of either all or a share of the value of your estate after tax, expenses, and any specific or pecuniary bequests have been paid. A residuary bequest has the advantage of maintaining its real value, regardless of inflation.

Fixed sum of money (Pecuniary)

A pecuniary bequest or gift is a fixed sum of money. It is worth bearing in mind that due to inflation the value of the gift may decrease over the years. To protect against this you can either periodically review and amend the amount, or ask your solicitor to index-link your gift (essentially, linking your gift to the rate of inflation).

Property, objects or collections (Specific)

A specific bequest is where you leave a named article as a gift. You will need to include a clear description to make sure the executor gives the right article to the right person.



Leaving a gift to Eden

Should you wish to remember the Eden Project in your Will, here are the details you will need:

Full name: The Eden Trust

Registered address: Eden Project, Bodelva, Cornwall PL24 2SG

Registered charity number: 1093070

It is important to discuss with your solicitor what you would like to happen in the event that any charity named in your Will merges with another charity or in the event that it ceases to exist. It is possible to insert a clause to ensure that the gift would go to any merged form of the charity or that the executors have discretion to give it to another charity that carries on similar work, if the charity has ceased to exist.

It is a good idea to review your Will regularly to ensure that it still meets your wishes; this is particularly important if your circumstances change.

“As a keen supporter of the work carried out worldwide by the Eden Project, I have nominated Eden to receive a gift in my Will. If you are able to do the same, I would urge you to help this wonderful charity to continue its work into the future.”

Carol Heathcote, Legacy Pledger

What if I already have a Will?

If you already have a Will in place and would like to include a gift to the Eden Project you can complete a Codicil form.

A Codicil is a simple addition to your already drafted Will, and in some situations your solicitor may feel it is appropriate to use this simplified document to record your wishes. It needs to be witnessed and stored securely with your Will.

We strongly recommend you contact your solicitor when writing a Codicil form, to make sure that it does not conflict with the rest of your Will.



Codicil form

I _____ name
of _____ address
_____ address

declare this to be a _____ first/second _____ codicil to my Will dated
_____ date of Will

In addition to any legacies given in my said Will I give to The Eden Trust, Bodelva, Cornwall PL24 2SG (charity number 1093070) the sum of:

£ _____ amount
or _____ specific item
or _____ amount _____ % 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.

Signature

Date

Witnessed by:

Signature

Name

Address

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Occupation

Date

Witnessed by:

Signature

Name

Address

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Occupation

Date


Two witnesses are required in England, Wales and Northern Ireland;
one witness in Scotland. Witnesses should be over 18 and should not
be beneficiaries of the Will or Codicil(s).

Contact us

Thank you again for considering leaving the Eden Project a gift in your Will. If you would like to discuss further what your legacy could help to achieve, or if you have any particular requirements, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

We respect your privacy and will never press you to inform us of your decision, but if you do choose to tell us we will be delighted to be able to thank you.

Please let us know if you would like to receive invitations to our legacy information events.

 **01726 811910** (9am-5pm, Monday to Friday)

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“Eden’s mission is to explore our dependence on the natural world, to use that understanding to excite people into delivering transformation where they live and to ask really serious questions about what a great future might look like for all of us.”

Sir Tim Smit KBE,
Co-Founder of the Eden Project



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The Eden Project is a charity.
We are ordinary people
trying to change the world

...thank you for supporting us