

# My pledge to GDWG

- I wish to leave a legacy to GDWG in my will
- I have already included a legacy to GDWG in my will

Estimated value of legacy in today's terms:

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Title: .....

First name or initials: .....

Surname : .....

Address:

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Postcode : .....

Telephone: .....

Email: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....

- I wish my name, together with details of visiting history, to be added to a list of pledges to be published by GDWG
- After my death I wish my name to be published by GDWG in the Annual Report and Accounts

If you are or have been a visitor please let us know the years in which you volunteered:

Please detach and return this form to: GDWG, The Orchard, Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 6AD

# Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

The Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG) is a registered charity that has been supporting people detained at Tinsley House and Brook House Immigration Removal Centres for over 25 years.

Our staff and volunteers work to improve the welfare and wellbeing of people held in detention, and post-detention, by offering friendship and support and advocating for fair treatment.

In detention, we provide phone credit to connect people with their lawyers, friends, and family; make referrals to legal firms and healthcare support; provide clothes; and organise weekly visits from our Volunteer Visitors.

These visits are at the heart of our work. It is through listening that we build trust with people in detention and ensure that our support is tailored to their needs and strengths.

Post-detention, our Refugee Tales project builds on these connections as we offer guided walks for our community and create opportunities for people with experience of detention to share their stories in *Refugee Tales* anthologies. We also work with previously detained people to advocate for change.

Please help us to carry on this work.

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## Support GDWG with a legacy for our future



## Supporting GDWG

Leaving a gift in your will can help to secure the future of charities such as GDWG, and it has the added benefit of being free from Inheritance Tax.

This leaflet sets out the advantages of such giving, provides guidance on how to take this step, and includes a form for making a pledge.

GDWG is keen that the outcomes for people experiencing immigration detention should be just, and that their treatment should at all times respect their human rights.

*"GDWG [caught] me when I was falling deep in my mental nightmares... Sometimes when you give up on everything it's really important to know that there is someone who cares about you."*

Funding for any charity is inevitably uncertain, and GDWG is no exception. The main source of our income is grants from charitable Trusts and Foundations, but we are not always able to secure adequate funding in this way. Private donations and legacies contribute to providing a more reliable and stable foundation, and help to secure our future.

With your help we can have greater confidence that we can go on providing our vital service in the future.

## Your pledge to our future

If you plan to include a legacy to GDWG in your Will, or if you have already done so, please let us know by returning the pledge form.

On receiving your pledge, a representative of the charity will contact you to provide further information and ensure your wishes are clearly understood.

All correspondence and discussion will be treated in the strictest confidence. Completing the pledge form does not commit you in any way. It is simply a statement of your present intentions

## Recognition

If you give us permission to do so, we will publish your name in a list of pledges in our Accounts, for as long as we know them to be still in force.

Similarly, if you or your executors give us permission, we will publish your name in a list of legacies in our Annual Report, in the year in which the legacy is received.

During your lifetime, we will add you to our mailing list if you wish, updating you with everything which GDWG is doing, and also invite you each year to our AGM, where you will be able to meet our Chair and Trustees, staff, Visitors and Friends of the charity.

### The choice of legacies

There are several types of legacy:

#### Cash

You could leave a specific sum of money to GDWG.

#### Stocks and shares

A bequest to GDWG could take the form of stocks and shares\*.

#### Gifts in kind

GDWG would be delighted to receive gifts of property or other valuable gifts in kind\*.

#### Residuary legacies

Under a residuary legacy GDWG could benefit from the whole or a proportion of the residual value of your estate, after all other debts, taxes, charges and other legacies have been met.

#### Deed of variation

In addition, if someone leaves you an inheritance that you don't need you could consider transferring all or part of it to GDWG under a Deed of variation.

\*If you are considering leaving a legacy in stocks and shares or in kind, please discuss the details with our office to make sure it is as effective as possible.

## Tax benefits of a legacy

GDWG is registered as a charity (1124328), so pays no tax on gifts of money or property made either during your lifetime or as a legacy in your will. This tax exemption applies to Inheritance Tax (IHT), which is normally payable on any estate above the tax free threshold.

You might find your estate is subject IHT, particularly if you own a house or flat. This makes leaving a legacy to GDWG a financially attractive option. If the value of your estate exceeds the IHT threshold, and you give a sum of money to GDWG, that sum attracts IHT relief (currently 40%). As a result the "cost" to the residue of your estate (the amount left for distribution to the other beneficiaries of your will) is reduced. The following table illustrates how this might work.

Legacy to GDWG	Tax Relief (IHT at 40%)	Cost of the legacy to your estate
£5,000	£2,000	£3,000
£10,000	£4,000	£6,000

### Preparing your legacy

If you would like to leave a legacy to GDWG in a Will, your best course of action is to arrange this through your own solicitor. If you would like some help in finding a solicitor please speak to the GDWG office.

Legal advice may be helpful in deciding which type of legacy is the most appropriate for you, and in preparing the Will or Codicil accurately to reflect your wishes.

### Adding a Codicil

If you have already made your Will but would like to leave a legacy to GDWG, you can usually do so by adding a Codicil to your Will. You could visit your own solicitor to arrange this, or contact our office, as mentioned above. Alternatively, and for cash legacies, only you can complete the form of Codicil which is available on our website at [www.gdwg.org.uk](http://www.gdwg.org.uk)