

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (day): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (eve): \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 served:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

## Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

**Making a difference** to the lives of migrants who are suffering hardship as a result of being caught up in the immigration system, and who have frequently been the object of torture and discrimination in their own countries.

Since 1995 GDWG has provided human contact and comfort on a one to one basis, and would like to continue to do so as long as the need remains. Your gift will help us to do this.

**Campaigning for justice** for those for whom justice may be compromised. We are passionate that the policies which underpin the immigration system respect the basic human rights of individuals, irrespective of race, creed and colour.

Please help us to carry on this work.

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## Support Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group with a legacy for our future



## Support GDWG with a legacy for our future

Leaving a gift to charity in your will is a very special way of helping to secure the future for organisations such as GDWG, and has the added benefit of being free from Inheritance Tax. This leaflet sets out the advantages of this sort of giving, discusses various aspects, provides guidance on how to take this step, and includes form on which you can make a pledge.

Since 1995 GDWG has provided one-to-one human contact for migrants held – sometimes for long periods – in detention at two Immigration Removal Centres at Gatwick. There is evidence that visiting strengthens the mental health of these vulnerable people and makes them better able to cope with circumstances with uncertain outcomes which are often bewildering, lonely and distressing.

GDWG is keen that the outcomes for these people should be just, and that their treatment should at all times respect their human rights. Funding for any charity is inevitably uncertain, and GDWG is no exception. We have a small office which organises visits, selects and trains volunteers, and pursues aspects of individual cases.

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 decide to include a legacy to GDWG in your Will, or if you have already done so, it would be very helpful if you could let us know by returning the pledge form. On receiving your pledge, a representative of the charity will contact you to make sure that your wishes are clearly understood and to provide any further information you would like.

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 shall publish your name in a list of pledges in our Annual Reports and Accounts, for as long as we know them to be still in force.

Similarly, if you or your executors give us permission, we shall 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 shall add you to our mailing list, to keep you up to date with everything which GDWG is doing, and also invite you each year to our AGM, where you will be able to meet the Chairman 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). As a result it 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 may well find that 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, your tax-free sum is increased by that amount. 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 <http://www.gdwg.org.uk/help-other.php>