Build a peaceful future
Your guide to leaving a gift in your will
A word from our Executive Director

I have been involved with Conciliation Resources since it was founded over 25 years ago. From Sierra Leone to the Philippines, Ethiopia to Kashmir, I have seen how conflicts can be transformed over time and bridges can be built towards peace.

Conciliation Resources exists to deal with challenge – to confront and address situations of crisis and violence, and to bring about change. Above all we exist to work alongside courageous partners who seek to transform their societies and who demonstrate extraordinary resilience in working in unforgiving and dangerous places.

By leaving a gift to Conciliation Resources in your will, you can be confident it will support people living in conflict-affected areas to build the peace they deserve.

Thank you for standing alongside peacebuilders worldwide to make peace possible.

JONATHAN COHEN

We trust Conciliation Resources because they were with us at the beginning, during the most difficult moments. When no-one else from outside would visit us, and the market was deserted, Conciliation Resources was there beside us – just when we most needed their support.

Moussa Hassabarasoul, Peace Committee President, Central African Republic

ABOUT CONCILIATION RESOURCES

OUR PURPOSE
Our purpose is to bring people together to find creative and sustainable paths to peace.

OUR VISION
Our vision is to transform the way the world resolves violent conflict so that people work together to build peaceful and inclusive societies.

OUR VALUES
• Challenge
  We are not afraid to face difficult conversations and defy convention.

• Collaboration
  We work in partnership to tackle violence, exclusion, injustice and inequality.

• Commitment
  We are dedicated and resilient in the long journey to lasting peace.

• Creativity
  We are imaginative and resourceful in how we influence change.
Badawiya’s* Story

In West Africa we work with marginalised and vulnerable young people at risk of being drawn into violence, like Badawiya. She was orphaned at 14 and became a prostitute to survive. Her friends gradually fell away, and she became increasingly isolated and depressed.

One day, she was approached by a stranger on the street, who gave her food and money. Badawiya didn’t know it, but he was a member of Boko Haram. Over time, he managed to persuade her to become a suicide bomber, “I was completely hopeless and had given up on life. I put the vest on three times and walked around the town. I wanted everything to be over, but deep down I knew it was wrong.”

The third time Badawiya wore the vest, an old classmate approached her. “Eventually I showed him the vest. I was shocked – he didn’t run away or scream, he carried on talking to me.” Her friend helped her to remove the vest, and as he did, told her about the youth peace group he was part of, supported by Conciliation Resources.

Badawiya joined the group and is no longer involved in prostitution or drugs. “Every day, the others in the group check on me to make sure I haven’t fallen back... I feel like I have the chance at a new life now... If it wasn’t for this group, I wouldn’t be here.”

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*Badawiya is not her real name

Photo: Street scene, northeast Nigeria © Conciliation Resources
Remembering Conciliation Resources in your will is the best way to ensure that long-term peacebuilding work can continue, and it’s easier than you may think. Through your legacy, no matter how big or small, you will be investing in the future of people affected by conflicts worldwide.

There are different types of gifts you could leave:

- **Percentage of your estate**
  - *(A residuary gift)*
  - This means the gift keeps pace with inflation

- **Specific amount of money**
  - *(A pecuniary gift)*

- **Specific item**
  - Such as a piece of art or jewellery

You can also leave your estate to your dependents while they are living, but after they pass away, a portion will revert to Conciliation Resources *(a reversionary gift)*.
How to write or update your will

Writing your will is a personal and important decision. Set aside some time to think through your assets – this might add up to more than you think – and the people and causes in your life you might want to leave gifts to.

When you’re ready, we recommend speaking to a solicitor or professional will writer to ensure that your wishes are clearly understood and that the wording is accurate.

Whilst you should not treat this guidance as legal advice, possible wording that could be used in your will is:

“I give the sum of £X / % of my residuary estate to Conciliation Resources, Burghley Yard, 106 Burghley Road, London NW5 1AL, registered charity number 1055436 to be applied for the general purposes of that charity and I declare that an official receipt from the treasurer or other duly authorised officer of that charity shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.”

Changes to an existing will

If you already have a will, you can just ask your solicitor to make an amendment [formally known as a “codicil”). This will then be kept with your will and has legal status.

Here’s a reminder of the key details you will need to provide:

Registered charity name: Conciliation Resources

Charity number: 1055436

Address: Burghley Yard, 106 Burghley Road London NW5 1AL
The impact your gift could have

By working with individuals, communities and at the political level, Conciliation Resources has helped to prevent violence and achieve peace in many parts of the world over the last 25 years. Your legacy could help agree a new peace deal, or help a young person like Badawiya to turn away from violence.

For example,

- Leaving just 1% of a £50,000 estate could enable us to air a series of radio programmes in the Central African Republic, promoting alternatives to violence.
- A gift of £5,000 could fund vital storytelling and listening spaces for 1,000 conflict-affected women and youth in northeast Nigeria to help them deal with trauma and build more peaceful futures.
- A 10% share of a £200,000 estate could provide continued mediation support to the Bangsamoro peace process in the Philippines for a year.

Photo: Women in the Bangsamoro Region of Mindanao, the Philippines © Conciliation Resources
At the peace negotiating table: Ethiopia

The Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF) had been fighting for self-determination for Somalis in the Somali region of Ethiopia for more than 20 years. The conflict left the region in a fragile state, one of the poorest in Ethiopia and with nearly two million people dependent on food aid each year. In 2018, with our support the ONLF and the Government of Ethiopia signed a peace deal. Peace talks began in 2012 led by a team from the Kenyan Government. We were invited to provide advice to both the Kenyan team and the ONLF throughout the six years of negotiations, which included: training for negotiators, advising on constitutional options, connecting community perspectives to the political process and help with signing the final peace deal.

“Conciliation Resources has been a staunch supporter of this peace process from the day we started. They’ve played a vital role in training our negotiators and in working with the facilitators from Kenya to ensure that the peace process continued.”

Abdirahman Mahdi, Chairman of the Ogaden National Liberation Front
Our promise to you

We take your support seriously and commit to the highest standards in fundraising. If you pledge a legacy to Conciliation Resources, we will:

- **Respect your decision:** we recognise you need to carefully consider leaving a legacy gift and will not put pressure on you.
- **Respect your privacy:** if you share personal information with us, we will handle it securely and respect your wishes regarding staying in touch.
- **Use your gift wisely,** where the need is greatest to support vital peacebuilding worldwide.

Get in touch

If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your will to Conciliation Resources, please get in touch with the Fundraising Team at fcinfo@c-r.org or on +44 (0)20 7359 7728.

For every £1 we receive, we spend:

- **78p** on peacebuilding programmes and policy
- **20p** on supporting programmes and running the organisation
- **2p** on fundraising

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