What will your legacy be?

Support Link Community Development after you depart.

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About Us

Education is the building block to peace and prosperity. Link Community Development International (Link) is an Edinburgh based charity that envisages a world where every child in sub-Saharan Africa has access to a quality education.

In over 25 years, Link has helped nearly 2 million children in over 3,000 schools in Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi and Uganda. Link works directly with government staff, district education officers, communities and schools by providing support and training for more effective teaching, improved school management and increased community engagement.

Where do we work?

Founded in 1992, Link is a family of five locally registered organisations working with government and communities.

Link has local offices in Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi and Uganda. These are supported by the Link Community Development International office based in Edinburgh, UK.

Our vision is a world where every child has the right to quality education.

Our mission is to inspire sustainable innovations in national education policy using grassroots approaches to improve accountability and learner outcomes.

Improving the quality of education in Africa since 1992.
How You Can Help

We have relied on the generosity of our supporters to help ensure our work has the widest possible reach. By leaving Link a gift in your will, you can help ensure our work continues to make a difference for generations to come.

No matter the size of your gift, it will be of great benefit to our work.

Here are a few examples of the impact a gift in your will could make:

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<td>£100</td>
<td>Could support two Ethiopian girls through primary education.</td>
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<td>Could buy a set of library books for primary school children in their local language and improve the overall facilities at a school.</td>
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<td>Could deliver a full round of our School Performance Review, empowering schools and communities with the knowledge and tools they need to make sustainable and accountable changes to improve the quality of education.</td>
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<td>£10,000</td>
<td>Could provide thousands of girls with extra tuition classes for a year to give them the support they need to improve their grades and life chances. Educating a girl can boost a country's GDP and reduce infant mortality rates.</td>
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<td>£50,000</td>
<td>Could increase attendance, grades, opportunities and improve the management of hundreds of schools across a district, giving thousands of children the right to quality education.</td>
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<td>Could empower an entire district to make lasting improvements to the standards of education to all children in hundreds of communities, leaving a legacy that will last for generations.</td>
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Frequently Asked Questions

We are often asked questions when people are deciding to leave Link Community Development International a gift. We have put together some of our most frequently asked questions to help you get the answers you need.

How and why should I make a Will?

If you don’t have a Will, your estate will be divided according to law when you die. This could result in your wishes not being carried out as you would want them to be. Having a Will, especially one written by a solicitor, is the only way of ensuring that your loved ones and chosen charities will be remembered as you wish.

What kind of gift could I make?

There are three main types of gift that you can leave in your will:

- A residuary gift. This is a percentage of your estate which can be left after your friends and family have been provided for. This type of gift can make a big difference.
- A pecuniary gift. This is a specific sum of money that can be left.
- A specific gift, which is a particular item, such as a piece of jewellery or art, etc.

All gifts are important to Link and help us continue our work. However, residuary gifts are particularly helpful as they usually maintain or increase their value over time.

How will my gift be used?

Your legacy can help to make long-term, systemic changes to the education systems in sub-Saharan Africa, whether this be through supporting school improvement on a local level to making district, or even country-wide changes. A gift in your Will can help us towards a world where all children have access to quality education.
I’m not wealthy—would anything I leave be useful?

We’re very grateful for every gift we receive, no matter how large or small. All of the legacies we receive are used to help improve the quality of education for those most in need. Even the smallest of donations mean a lot to us.

I’ve already made a Will. Do I need to make a new one?

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will, you may not need to make a new one. Small changes can be stated in a document called a codicil, which is read in conjunction with your Will. However, your solicitor will need our registered address, which can be found on the last

Do I need a solicitor to make a Will?

We would encourage you to discuss your Will with your solicitor to ensure that all legal requirements are met and that your Will is valid. A properly drafted Will can help reduce the amount of tax payable on your estate and increase the value of the assets that you pass on to the people you care about.

Sample wording for changing your Will

If you do decide to leave a gift in your Will to Link, you may want to take the following wording to your solicitor so that your Will can be updated.

Remember, to leave a residuary gift, choose the percentage of your estate that you would like to leave to Link. To leave a pecuniary gift, choose a specific sum of money you would like to leave instead.

‘I give ___% of my residuary estate or £ ___ to Link Community Development International of Dolphin House, 4 Hunter Square, Edinburgh, EH1 1QW registered charity numbers 1048007 and SCO37959 for its charitable purposes and I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of Link Community Development International for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.’
Remember Link Community Development in your will.

Find out more:
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Call: 0131 225 3076
Email: link@lcd.org.uk
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