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# Leave a legacy to advance independent thinking

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world for  
generations  
to come



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**‘I have remembered Chatham House in my will. Whenever the gift is received it will support the area of greatest need, ensuring that Chatham House can continue to bring rigour and independent thinking to international affairs.’**

Caroline Usher, Chatham House member and legator

**‘Having worked across the world, being able to access Chatham House’s analysis to help me understand diverse perspectives on global issues has been invaluable. Since returning to the UK, I have worked more closely with the institute and seen first-hand the brilliant research and convening they do on the most important challenges facing our world. It’s a privilege for me to volunteer as a trustee of the charity, and I have included Chatham House in my will so I can continue to support their work into the future.’**

Keith Harrington, Chatham House Council member and legator

**Dear Friend of Chatham House,**

For more than a century Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, has brought people together to find solutions to the world's most urgent challenges. From convening opposing sides in times of conflict to offering trusted analysis during moments of uncertainty, our independence has allowed us to tackle the issues that matter most.

We have always relied on the generosity of individuals who share our belief in the power of dialogue, evidence and ideas. Many of our most enduring achievements have been made possible thanks to gifts left in wills.

Whether you are updating your will later in life or making your first will, you can choose to include Chatham House. Your gift, whatever its size, will help us sustain our independence, support the next generation of thought leaders and remain ready to respond when the world needs us most. You will be helping to write the next chapter in the history of our globally influential institution.

Everyone who pledges a gift to Chatham House is invited to join the Chatham House Future World Circle, a community of supporters that receives special invitations to events and briefings as well as updates on the impact of individual support.

Thank you for considering this immensely valued way of supporting our work.

With warmest regards,

*Bronwen Maddox*

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**Director and Chief Executive, Chatham House**



# Independent thinking since 1920

## What we do

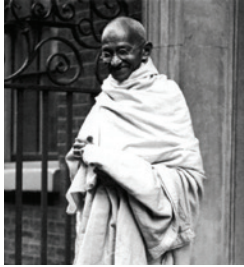
Chatham House helped to craft the multilateral institutions and mechanisms of global financial stability after the Second World War, provided a platform for African independence leaders throughout decolonization and played a key role in Anglo-Soviet diplomacy through roundtable meetings in the 1970s.

Thanks to our supporters, our impact continues today.

- We have frequent high-level discussions with UK government decision-makers on their foreign, defence and aid policy, as well as on NATO and transatlantic relations.
- Our experts have been central to international negotiations on arms control including on nuclear non-proliferation.
- Our Africa and Middle East programmes have brokered high-level discussions on conflict resolution in Yemen, Libya, the Horn of Africa, Syria and between Israelis and Palestinians.
- Chatham House has influenced the thinking behind China's establishment of low-carbon economic zones, as well as the text of the proposed United Nations Plastics Treaty.
- Our meetings have shaped the development of the EU's General-Purpose AI Code of Practice and advanced international talks on combatting and prosecuting cybercrime.

**Chatham House's mission is to help governments and societies build a secure, sustainable, prosperous and just world.**

Mahatma Gandhi gave a talk on 'The Future of India' in 1931, where he outlined the challenges that he believed the Indian people faced in British India.



South African President Nelson Mandela attended an event co-hosted by Chatham House on 10 July 1996.



In 2024, we welcomed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy for an under-the-Rule meeting where participants discussed Chatham House's significant work on planning for Ukrainian rapid recovery and post-war reconstruction.



In 2024, former speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi came to Chatham House to discuss her legacy and look ahead to challenges the US may face.



The late HM Queen Elizabeth II presented the annual Chatham House Prize to Sir David Attenborough and the BBC Studios Natural History Unit in 2019 for their work on the *Blue Planet II* series. The award recognized the series' significant impact in raising awareness about ocean plastic pollution.

A gift in your will would allow us to keep exploring pressing global challenges, such as the US' changing role and rivalry with China, and the weakening of the post-Second World War order. It would enable us to help shape societies' responses to the huge trends affecting the world, from climate change and use of resources to demography and new technology.

The institute receives no subsidy from the UK government or any other source as unrestricted income, nor does it have any significant endowment. We rely on direct research project funding as well as membership dues, philanthropy and gifts in wills to pursue our mission.

**Giving to Chatham House is a way to commit to the pursuit of peace, order, justice and prosperity, and to make a real contribution to bringing about global change.**

# Your legacy gift

How your gift can  
help shape the world  
for future generations

Your legacy could allow us to:

- Explore under-represented themes and regions that struggle to attract conventional funding, such as fragile states and the future of international law.
- Create an internship or fellowship so that talented young people from all backgrounds can gain experience in international affairs and become the leaders of tomorrow.
- Build our capacity to convene policymakers and researchers rapidly as crises unfold, while ensuring this dialogue is always grounded in Chatham House's independent analysis and long-term research.
- Ensure independent ideas reach the widest possible audience by strengthening our capacity to publish, broadcast and share our insights around the world.
- Preserve our historic home at St James's Square as a centre for open debate and a place to hear from and challenge influential leaders.

Every gift, large or small, becomes part of a permanent legacy of independent thinking. One residuary legacy could secure an entire programme of work. A smaller sum could open a door of opportunity for a future leader.

**By leaving a gift in your will, you will help safeguard our independence and ensure Chatham House can always pursue the questions that matter most, free from political or commercial influence.**



The Molchanov Sustainability Internship Programme is made possible by the generous support of Pavel Molchanov, who has also pledged a legacy to Chatham House to secure its long-term continuation.

**‘By placing this internship programme on a firm footing permanently, it is my hope that young people interested in exploring global affairs will always look to Chatham House as a place to receive a solid grounding early in their career.’**

Pavel Molchanov, individual supporter and legator

**‘My internship was a rich, rewarding and insightful experience that kick-started my career in academic research. I was afforded opportunities to learn, grow and develop a skill set which is already serving me well in the early stages of my career.’**

Matthew Harris, Environment and Society Centre Research Assistant, Chatham House, and former Molchanov Sustainability Intern



**‘Chatham House is always at the forefront of analysis and provides a place where issues can be openly discussed and debated. Now more than ever, its focus and insistence on rigorous, evidence-based research is vitally important, and I am glad to do my part in ensuring that this will continue.’**

David Fawkes, Chatham House member and legator

# Recognition and community

## The Future World Circle

Everyone who pledges a gift to Chatham House is invited to join the Future World Circle.

As a member of the circle you will:

- Receive special invitations to events and briefings;
- Receive updates on the impact of individual support, including legacy gifts; and
- Be recognized as part of a community of supporters shaping the future.

Membership of the circle is voluntary, and supporters can choose to remain anonymous if preferred.

**‘Throughout my career I have benefited from the wisdom and cutting-edge analysis that Chatham House offers. The institute’s role has become ever more important as the international scene becomes more fragmented and dangerous. Having had the chance to get to know the organization better over recent years by serving on its Council, I am even more convinced of its value.’**

Rob Macaire CMG, Corporate member, Chatham House Council member and legator

# Ways to give

## How to leave a legacy to Chatham House

### Types of legacy gifts

- Residuary gift: a share of your estate after other gifts and expenses.
- Pecuniary gift: a fixed sum of money.
- Specific gift: an item such as property, shares or artwork. If you would like to leave a specific item, we kindly ask you to speak with us first to ensure we can accept your gift and put it to the best possible use.

If you are considering a substantial gift, we would be pleased to discuss the option of creating a dedicated named fund with a purpose that reflects your interests. While such a fund can be structured as an endowment or a spend-down arrangement, the greatest benefit to Chatham House comes from general residuary or pecuniary gifts, which allow us the flexibility to direct resources where they are most needed over time.

As a UK registered charity, gifts to Chatham House are exempt from inheritance tax. Leaving 10 per cent or more of your estate to charity may reduce the rate of tax on the remainder.

US supporters can leave a legacy through the Chatham House Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity.

### Suggested wording for lawyers:

*'I give to The Royal Institute of International Affairs ('Chatham House'), Registered Charity No. 208223, of Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE, [the residue of my estate] / [the sum of £X] / [specified item], for its general charitable purposes. [If at the date of my death Chatham House is no longer in existence [or is subject to a winding-up order], my Executors shall pay the legacy to such other Charity or Charities having the same or similar objects as my Executors shall select.] [I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or duly authorized officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.]'*

The information in this brochure is not exhaustive and does not represent legal advice. Please seek professional advice before finalizing your estate plans. We recommend consulting a lawyer to ensure your wishes are recorded accurately and kept up to date. It can also be a good time to review the beneficiaries on any pension or life insurance policies, which sit outside a will.



Chatham House's work is made possible thanks to the generosity of our members and supporters, during their lifetime and beyond.

If you are thinking about leaving a legacy, we would be delighted to discuss how your gift could benefit the future work of the institute. If you have already included Chatham House in your will, please let us know. This helps us plan for the future and gives us the chance to thank you.

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