

Gift Aid FAQs

What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a simple way to increase the value of your gift and donation to the Trust - at no extra cost to you. If you pay tax in the UK, the Trust can reclaim the basic rate tax (25%) on your gift. So, if you donate £100, it is worth £125 to the Trust.

Do I qualify for Gift Aid?

In order for the Trust to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations, you must have paid income or capital gains tax (in the UK) for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) at least equal to the tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year. Other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

What does the Gift Aid declaration commit me to?

Nothing! It just ensures that if you choose to donate to the Trust, we can claim an extra 25% back from the government.

What is a Gift Aid declaration?

A Gift Aid declaration is a statement by an individual taxpayer that they want a charity to receive the tax paid on their donation back from the government.

How long does the declaration last for?

If your donation is one-off, for example, becoming a *Friend of Family Planning for the Planet*, the accompanying Gift Aid declaration would only last for that one donation.

If you are setting up a *monthly or annual donation*, then to simplify matters for both you and the Trust, the declaration wording normally covers present, future and past donations. We can back-claim four years and we will continue to claim until you tell us otherwise, so long as you are eligible.

What do I do if I my tax status changes or I want to cancel my declaration?

To let us know if you stop paying tax or wish to cancel your declaration, please <u>email us</u> or call us on 020 3317 5497.