

Gift Aid

What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a government scheme allowing charities to claim back the basic rate tax on each donation. This means a donation of £100 could actually be £125 for Barnardo's!! **Much more money can be raised for charity with no extra costs to you or your sponsors.**

The facts about Gift Aid

1. **Barnardo's can claim an extra 25p per £1 on money donated from you**
2. It's an easy way to make your donations go even further
3. It's FREE for both you and your sponsors
4. Gift Aid applies only to 'gifts'. Any payments where the donator receives something from you in return cannot be claimed e.g. raffle prizes, entry tickets, registration fees

How can I claim Gift Aid from my sponsors?

Using sponsorship forms: The individual sponsoring you is responsible for reading the Gift Aid Declaration before signing the Gift Aid box. It is your responsibility to ensure that the sponsor has completed the sponsor form correctly. Please ensure you fill in the 'Amount given' and 'Date given' when you collect the money confirming the amount Barnardo's has received.

Using online fundraising pages: If the individual sponsoring you selects 'yes' to the online question 'Are you a UK tax payer?' when donating on your online page, Barnardo's will then receive Gift Aid on their donation.

PLEASE NOTE: Gift Aid payments cannot be included in the minimum sponsorship pledge for your event and will be considered as over and above the pledged fundraising total i.e. a donation of £10 would total £12.50 with gift aid (only £10 counts towards your fundraising target).

Exceptions to the above information

For anyone taking on a parachute jump, white water rafting or overseas adventures (where Barnardo's are contributing to your challenge event costs):

- Some of your donations will not qualify for Gift Aid
- Donations made by;
 - The wife, husband or civil partner
 - A relative (brother, sister, ancestor (e.g. mother) or lineal descendant (e.g. grandson)
 - The wife, husband or civil partner of a relative
 - A company under the control of the donor, or under control of connected persons

are not eligible for tax relief under the Gift Aid Scheme. **Please ensure that all donations from these persons are not being used to apply for gift aid.**

PLEASE NOTE: If you are participating in the event using your own place then all donations will be eligible for tax relief under the Gift Aid scheme.