



**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.**

### **What is Gift Aid?**

Gift Aid is a UK government scheme that allows charities to claim back 25% of the value of a donation, as a payment to charities.

For a charity to claim this additional money from HMRC, the donor must be a UK taxpayer and make a declaration allowing the charity to claim, at no extra cost to the donor.

### **Does my donation qualify for Gift Aid?**

To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) must at least equal the amount of tax that all the charities (or Community Amateur Sports Clubs) you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

For example, If you plan to donate £100 to different charities over the tax year you need to be sure that you have or will pay at least 25% of £100 = £25 in Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in the same tax year.

### **Why do I need to make a declaration?**

The declaration is our authority to reclaim tax from HM Revenue & Customs on your donation. By giving the declaration you are confirming that you understand this.

### **Can I withdraw a declaration?**

If, for any reason, you decide that your donation should not be Gift Aided, you have 30 days from the date of the written record to tell us to withdraw it.

### **Benefits to higher and additional rate taxpayers**

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Mind (LLR Mind) will reclaim the tax on your donation only at the basic rate. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue & Customs to adjust your tax code.



### **What if I am NOT a UK taxpayer?**

The Gift Aid scheme is unique to the UK. If you are not a UK taxpayer, you can still make a donation, but your donation will not attract the 25% extra from HMRC.

### **Can I cancel my gift aid declaration for future gifts?**

Yes. Please let us know as soon as your gift aid declaration is no longer valid (e.g. because you no longer pay sufficient tax).

### **What if I move house or change my name?**

If we already have a gift aid declaration on file for you, and you move house or change your name, then please tell us what your new address/name is, we will need to update our records.

Your Gift Aid declaration will be valid for your donations you have made to LLR Mind in the last 4 years, and any future donations.