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What is Gift Aid?

1. Simply put, Gift Aid is increasing your donation, at no cost to you.
2. Charities claim Gift Aid directly from HMRC. You simply need to fill in a Gift Aid Declaration Form. You do not need to do anything else.
3. 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.
4. Your donation qualifies for Gift Aid only if you are a UK taxpayer (includes Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax), and you have paid enough tax to cover the Gift Aid that will be claimed.
5. If you stop paying tax, then you must inform us, as we can no longer claim Gift Aid on your donations.
6. Currently, a donation of £1 is worth £1.25 with Gift Aid. A donation of £1000, is worth £1250. A significant benefit to charities, at no cost to you.
7. You can make several Gift Aid declarations. It is not limited to just one charity.
8. Gift Aid is a vital source of income for most charities, including us. Ensure you fill out a Gift Aid Declaration Form if you are a UK taxpayer.
9. Charities can only claim back the basic rate of tax (currently 20%). If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can claim back the remainder. For example, a £1000 donation from a higher rate taxpayer is worth £1250 to the charity, and the higher rate taxpayer is also allowed to claim back £250 from HMRC. You will need to submit this on your tax return (keep all donation receipts safe). We remind you that it is always best to see professional financial advice.
10. A person living overseas can still make a Gift Aid declaration, provided that they are a UK taxpayer and can satisfy the Gift Aid declaration in the donation process.