



# Masonic Charitable Foundation

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## Year of Fundraising

### Understanding Gift Aid



Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of making donations go even further – every applicable gift the MCF receives can be worth more and at no extra cost to the donor. A gift on top of a gift!

Gift Aid tax allows charities to increase donations at no extra cost to the donor. When a charity receives a donation from a UK taxpayer, **a charity can reclaim 25p for every £1.00 donated.**



For the MCF to reclaim tax on donations donors need to give their consent.  
They do this by making a Gift Aid Declaration.



A valid Gift Aid Declaration must include:



Donor's full name, home address including house number/name and postcode

## How you can help us at the MCF when making a donation:



- ➔ Encourage the use of digital donations. Gift Aid envelopes are often incomplete or incorrect which means the MCF are unable to reclaim Gift Aid on a donation. Digital donations enable more accurate reporting resulting in a higher success rate in claiming Gift Aid.
- ➔ Advise donors that do use Gift Aid envelopes to fill them in accurately and clearly.
- ➔ Remind donors to tick/sign the Gift Aid box!

### High tax payers

Higher-rate taxpayers can make the most of the government's Gift Aid scheme by reclaiming the tax on their charitable donations.



To receive the additional tax relief due, donors must include details of charitable gifts on their self-assessment tax form to claim the difference between the higher rate of tax (40 per cent) and the basic rate (20 per cent) on the total (gross) value of their donation.

## Don't forget...



### The Fundraising Hub

Your guide to raising money for the Masonic Charitable Foundation, the Freemasons' Charity



#### Festival Guidelines

These guidelines will help you to plan and manage a Festival appeal in support of the MCF.



#### Fundraising Toolkit

This toolkit provides useful help and advice to enable positive outcomes and successful fundraising.



#### Festival Bites

A 'how to' guide for Festival teams and fundraisers based on previous events and activities.



#### Teddies for Loving Care

This information hub will help TLC Leads manage their Provincial Teddies for Loving Care programme.



Please use this information when communicating with your Lodge Charity Stewards, preparing workshops and creating fundraising support materials.

Encourage your Charity Stewards and fundraisers to visit the MCF Fundraising Hub to discover more information and advice.

**VISIT THE FUNDRAISING HUB**



## CONTACT US

The Masonic Charitable Foundation is the national charity of Freemasonry under the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE). UGLE is the governing body of Freemasonry in England, Wales, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and some Districts overseas.

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