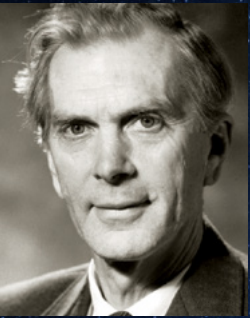


# MAKING A BEQUEST IN YOUR WILL TO THE MARTIN RYLE TRUST

**The Martin Ryle Trust** is a charity that funds research and education on any aspects of reducing violence between states. This includes indirect and long-term steps, such as promoting justice, and more direct steps such as supporting research and education about high levels of militarisation.



*'We should strive to see how the vast resources now diverted towards the destruction of life are turned instead to the solution of the problems which both rich – but especially the poor – countries of the world now face.'*

**SIR MARTIN RYLE** (1918–1984) FEng, FRS, Astronomer Royal, Nobel Laureate, was a physicist, radio astronomer and engineer who was profoundly distressed by the militarisation of science and technology. He devoted his later years to warning about the nuclear arsenals – 'this incredible situation' – and to promoting a culture of responsibility among scientists and engineers.

# WHAT THE MARTIN RYLE TRUST DOES

The Trust primarily supports the charitable work of Scientists for Global Responsibility, a membership organisation promoting responsible science and technology.

Examples of work carried out by SGR and supported by the Trust include the *One Planet, One Life* workshops in schools, and also reports, booklets and briefings on issues such as the environmental impacts of the UK military sector; how scientists and engineers can act as role models; ethical careers in science, design and technology; and the impact of nuclear weapons.



**The Trust occasionally supports other organisations' projects that fall within its remit.**

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This is an effective way of promoting the welfare of future generations and ensuring your resources are used wisely after your death. It is easy to leave a legacy to the MRT by adding a short clause to your will. If you have not yet made a will, many large charities offer support and advice on will making, as does the Citizens Advice Bureau.



## INHERITANCE TAX

The rules on inheritance tax are complex and it will usually be best to seek professional advice. The following is a brief informal summary of the main points:

The portion of your estate above a specified threshold (£325,000 as of 2021) is potentially subject to inheritance tax and the current standard rate of taxation is 40%. There are however some concessions, relating to your close family and your home. In addition, bequests to charity, including to the Martin Ryle Trust, are exempt from inheritance tax.

Also, if over 10% of the net value of the estate has been donated to charity, there is a reduced rate of taxation (36% as of 2021) on the taxable remainder.

## DEED OF VARIATION

A Deed of Variation can also be used by a beneficiary of a will, to divert funds that would otherwise be taxed, to go instead tax-free to a charity.

A supporter of the MRT says, “When I sold my late mother’s house, I could have accepted all of the proceeds as specified in her will, after tax. By signing a deed of variation I was able to divert the amount liable to inheritance tax, to the Martin Ryle Trust and other charities.”

As with a will, it is recommended that professional advice is taken.





The 'Eminent Britons' Royal Mail stamp set, featuring Martin Ryle

# PLEASE DON'T PUT IT OFF!

Writing, or altering, your will is not everyone's favourite activity. Still it is important. When you have done it you feel pleased to have settled the matter. If you decide to make a bequest to the MRT, please start the wheels turning...

Any funds donated or bequeathed for the specific purpose of supporting SGR will be used solely for that purpose and separately accounted for in the Trust's accounts.

The Trust would greatly appreciate your telling us if you have made a bequest in its favour but this is of course not mandatory.

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