

THE FUTURE IS HERS

We need disability justice now, featuring Stephanie Ortoleva

Stephanie Ortoleva is a human rights lawyer and the founder and executive director of Women Enabled International, an organization that advocates for the rights of disabled women and girls worldwide. This video transcript is part of the *Future Is Hers* multimedia series, celebrating innovators, risk-takers, and change makers, supported by the Ford Foundation, who have impacted the lives of women and girls around the globe.

Transcript begins.

[A seated woman with a fair complexion and long blondish hair, wearing a silk scarf and purple cardigan, opens and closes a clapperboard and addresses the camera.]

STEPHANIE ORTOLEVA: My name is Stephanie Ortoleva from Women Enabled International. Women with disabilities are 20% of the world's women, and we can't afford to leave that many women behind. Our world needs all of the brilliant minds, the hard workers, and the thoughtful leaders that we can find, because we have so many problems to confront as a world. And so you can't leave one-fifth of the women out of that work.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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