

THE FUTURE IS HERS

Disabled women matter, 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.

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[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. Disabled women are organizing for ourselves because we have found that other movements, whether it's the women's rights movement or the disability rights movement, very often doesn't include our issues as the key points of their advocacy. Disabled women just aren't going to be silent anymore.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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