

Who We Are

The World Federation of Right To Die Societies presently consists of 45 member organizations from 26 countries.

The Federation was founded in 1980 at Oxford, England at the third international conference of national right-to-die societies. The first meeting was held in 1976 in Tokyo, after the formation of what is now the Japan Society for Dying with Dignity.

The Federation believes that individuals should have the right to make their own choices as to the manner and timing of their own death. Each of our member societies is working in its own way to secure this right.

Our belief in independent choice extends to our member societies. As a Federation of many different right to die societies, we support all of our member organizations in their work to achieve their own objectives. We do not require them to adhere to a specific belief or goal other than supporting a person's right to a dignified death.

The objectives and work of our member societies depend on existing laws within their countries and how they define the needs of individuals. Some of our members work to promote laws for living wills or other advance medical directives, while other societies focus on obtaining the legal right to physician aid-in-dying, either physician-assisted suicide or voluntary euthanasia.

What We Do

The World Federation of Right To Die Societies:

- Provides information about physician-assisted dying, voluntary euthanasia, living wills, other right-to-die issues, and related matters of interest.
- Promotes co-operation and liaison among our member societies and with other organizations.
- Facilitates conferences on issues related to death and dying, the right to die, and compassionate care for the dying.
- Gives assistance to groups and individuals interested in establishing right-to-die societies in countries where they do not currently exist.
- Responds to requests by groups, scholars, and individuals for information about various right-to-die issues.
- Meets every two years at an international conference hosted by one of our member societies.

Support the Right to Die Movement

Support the World Federation with your tax deductible (in the USA) individual or organizational contribution and help choices for a dignified death become a reality.

Your support helps us:

- Assist our member societies in obtaining the resources they need to work more effectively for legal change and education within their own countries;
- Ensure an international and multi-organizational presence and perspective on right to die issues;
- Bring our 37 member societies together every two years to share their experiences and learn from each other;
- Conduct vital research requested by our member societies; and
- Provide educational services and outreach to the public.

As a contributor to the Federation, you are supporting a worldwide movement for improved patients' rights, compassionate care, and choices at the end of life.

Join with us, share the experience and wisdom of our other member societies, and become a participant in a larger dialogue for change.

World Member Societies

Australia - DWD New South Wales; Northern Territory VES; DWD Queensland; South Australian VES; DWD Tasmania; DWD Victoria; West Australian VES; Christians Supporting Choice for VE

Belgium - ADMD; RWS

Canada - DwD Canada; RtD Society of Canada; ADMD Quebec

Colombia - DMD Colombia

Denmark - En Vaerdig Død

Germany - Dignitate

Finland - EXITUS ry

France - (ADMD France

Ireland - Living will's Trust

India - The Society for the Right to Die with Dignity

Israel - Lilac: Israel Society for the Right to Live and Die with Dignity

Italy - EXIT Italia; Libera Uscita

Japan - Japan Society for Dying With Dignity

Luxembourg - Association pour le Droit de Mourir dans la Dignite

Netherlands - NVVE; De Einder

New Zealand - Dignity NZ Trust; VES New Zealand

Norway - Landsforeningen Mitt Livestement

Spain - Derecho a Morir Dignamente (DMD)

Scotland - FATE

South Africa - SAVES

Sweden - Ratten Till Var Dod (RTVD)

Switzerland - EXIT Deutsche Schweiz; EXIT Suisse Romande; Dignitas

UK - SOARS

USA - Euthanasia Research & Guidance Organization (ERGO); Hemlock Society of Florida; Hemlock Society of San Diego; Final Exit Network; AUTONOMY

Venezuela - ADMD Venezuela

Zimbabwe - Final Exit

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Choices

for a Dignified Death