



With your **will**
I have the **power**
to build a better life

Your gift of a lifetime changes women's lives.
When women benefit, the whole community benefits.

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GUIDE TO WILLS & BEQUESTS



IWDA Ambassador, Stephanie Dowrick, is widely known for her best-selling books, her *Good Weekend* magazine column, her workshops and retreats – and her commitment to an ethical and just way of living.

“Other lives matter. Imagine the world we would live in if we could put that simple truth into action.”

Dear Friends,

The presence or absence of compassion affects everything. But sometimes we are unsure of how to act on behalf of others most effectively.

If you have picked up this booklet I suspect that you already agree that “other lives matter.” We are privileged to be able to help others improve their life choices, and fortunate that an organisation like International Women’s Development Agency (IWDA) can help us to focus our gifts in the hands of those who need them most: vulnerable women and their families.

What may be harder for many of us to think about is that other lives will continue to matter even when our own lives are over. Yet that may be an exceptional moment to give.

The great potential of the world’s women is unlikely to be realised in our lifetimes. But our willingness to go on supporting focused, positive change for women need not end there. We can make sure that our practical good wishes live on in the shape of a gift or bequest to IWDA in our wills.

This is easily done. And I am confident that whatever you choose to give will be used wisely and with great integrity. I am also confident that some of the world’s most vulnerable women and children will profoundly benefit from your generosity and care.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature of Stephanie Dowrick in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Stephanie Dowrick
IWDA Ambassador

A large, faint, light green handwritten signature of Stephanie Dowrick, written in a cursive style, positioned at the bottom right of the page.

Your **Will** helps build a better tomorrow

A Will is a written, signed and witnessed statement that identifies the people or organisations you wish to receive your various belongings, and how much you wish to give them. Belongings include your house, cash, shares, car and other assets, but also include sentimental items – anything at all that you own.

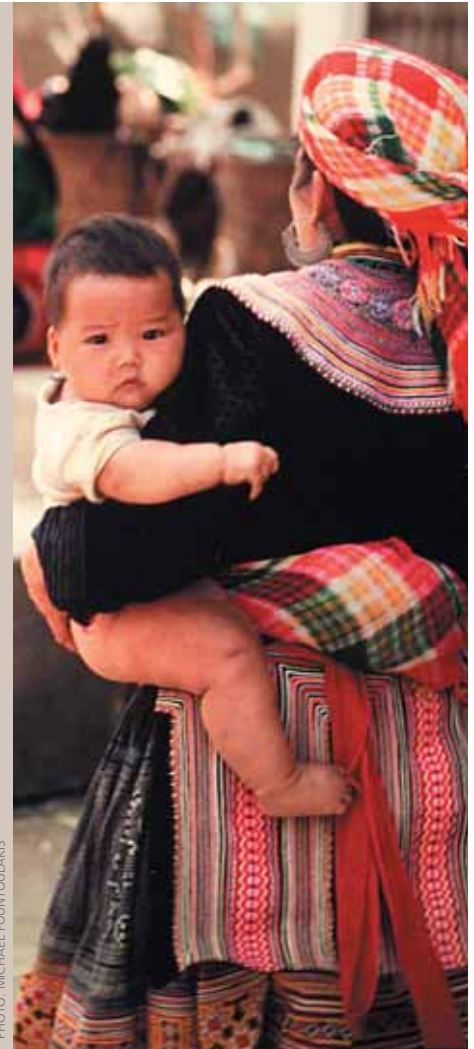
A Will gives you the opportunity to declare how you wish your estate to be distributed amongst those friends, relatives and causes that are important to you.

Without a Will, the state decides who will benefit from your estate. Your assets – large or small – represent a lifetime of work and achievement. Why leave their distribution to chance? By having a Will, you avoid unintentional emotional and financial hardship, delays, legal challenges, and unnecessary legal expenses for those you leave behind. Your Will is the only way you can ensure that your assets are distributed after your death exactly as you would wish. The state cannot allocate the special gifts that you may have hoped to give. Only you can do this.

Remember...

- Keep your Will in a safe place – preferably in the hands of your legal representative or bank manager.
- Review your Will if your circumstances change (e.g. death of a beneficiary, marriage, divorce, or change in financial assets).

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How do I include IWDA in my Will?

Thank you for considering IWDA for inclusion in your Will. A bequest helps to ensure that the work of thousands of women for human rights and basic needs will continue for many years to come. A bequest to IWDA is a thoughtful and valuable way of continuing your commitment to the development of women around the world.

Any gift you can make will be greatly appreciated by IWDA.

Who can help me make or change my Will?

IWDA strongly recommends that you have your Will drawn up or altered by a solicitor or a Trustee Company. Even if your Will seems simple and straightforward, one small mistake could result in all or part of your Will becoming invalid.

If you already have a Will, but would like to add IWDA as a beneficiary, it will probably be quite simple. Simply ask your solicitor to add a Codicil (or addendum) to your Will.

What do I give?

The best way to give is by making IWDA a residuary beneficiary. This means that IWDA receives a percentage of your estate after all other specific beneficiaries have been paid out, and all debts have been paid. This way the value of your gift remains constant, even with inflation. You can name IWDA as your sole residuary (which means you are giving everything that is left over to IWDA) or as one of a number of residuary beneficiaries (which means that IWDA receives a stated percentage of what is left).

You can also name IWDA as a specific beneficiary. This means you will be leaving IWDA a specific sum of money (e.g. \$10 or \$1,000,000), or a gift of specific property.

What will my gift be used for?

Because our programs change over time, IWDA prefers that you leave a gift for general purposes rather than specifying, for example, a particular country or program to be supported. However, if you feel strongly that you only want to support a particular area of women's development and not others, please call us. We would be happy to discuss appropriate wording.



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☀️ What is the correct legal wording for my Will?

If you are planning to remember IWDA in your will, it is important that you use our full, legally incorporated name: International Women's Development Agency Inc. (IWDA is incorporated under the Associations Act.) Our address is 3rd floor, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, VIC 3000.

We recommend the following wording be used to express your intentions.

"I give (*the sum of \$.....*) (or) *my whole estate* (or) *.....% of the residue of my estate*), free of all duties, deductions and claims payable in respect of my estate to INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT AGENCY INC. (IWDA) of 3rd Floor, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, for their general charitable purposes absolutely, and I declare that the receipt of the IWDA Executive Director, Treasurer or other authorised officer for the time being, shall be an absolute discharge of this gift to my Trustee who shall not be bound to see to the application thereof.

I further declare that if at or after my death IWDA has merged or amalgamated with another charity, is wound up and its surplus assets transferred to another organisation which is a public benevolent institution and which has

similar objectives to IWDA, or has changed its name, the gift shall not fail but my Trustee may pay it to the merged or amalgamated charity or to the organisation to which the assets of IWDA are transferred upon its being wound up or to the renamed entity."

☀️ Do I notify IWDA?

You are not obliged to notify us of your decision to include IWDA in your will, but we encourage you to do so. This will give us the opportunity to thank you personally, and keep you informed of our work.

Please contact:

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Tel: 03 9650 5574
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International Women's Development Agency

International Women's Development Agency (IWDA) is an Australian non-government organisation that has been working for over 20 years to improve the lives of women living in developing countries. Through a range of practical and capacity-building programs, IWDA supports these women's efforts to work towards better lives for themselves, their families and their communities, and aims to advance their human rights.

Our Vision

Our vision is for a just and sustainable world in which women control their own lives, their human rights are respected, and they have an equal voice in political structures.

Finding Solutions

We start with women, who are, as a group, less advantaged than men in every country, and we focus on groups of women who are particularly marginalised or suffer poverty, discrimination or oppression.

Innovative Programs

We work with local project partners on issues they believe are a priority, helping to ensure local ownership and participation in decision-making.

We focus on the Asia-Pacific region, and on five key areas of well-being:

- Economic empowerment
- Participation in decision-making
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Freedom from violence and the involvement of women in peace-building
- Environment and natural resource management

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Please return your completed form today, to:

Manager, Bequest Program

International Women's Development Agency

PO Box 64, Flinders Lane VIC 8009

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Or feel free to contact us for further information:

Email: wilpower@iwda.org.au Tel: 03 9650 5574 Fax: 03 9654 9877



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"I am glad to honour the memory of my parents through making a bequest on their behalf to IWDA. My mother and father were people who believed in the equality of women and their value in all aspects of life. I know they would agree that IWDA is a good organisation to support because it helps people who, by force of circumstance, are not able to help themselves."

Jill Galvin, IWDA Supporter.
Jill generously donated a portion of her parents' estate to IWDA in 2004.



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Yes, I have made a bequest to International Women's Development Agency Inc. in my will.
 I would like to discuss this matter with you personally. Please contact me to make an appointment.

Title:	Name:
Address:	
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Tel AH:	Email:
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