 **CHARTER 2017**

**We Aim to:**

* Strengthen the European movement for choice in dying.
* Encourage formation of RTD societies in countries which do not have them.
* Share knowledge & experience among member societies.
* Represent at European organisations the interests of those who want choice in dying.
* Oppose those who deny choice & self-determination at life’s end
* Campaign for the universal legal recognition of living wills.
* Seek universal social acceptance & legal recognition of self-determination & aid in dying.

**Our Position:**

* We seek freedom & self-control for all towards the end of life, the observance of all human rights, & realistic opportunities for compassionate exercise of these rights to relieve suffering at life’s end.
* We believe doctors can inflict great harm on patients by ignoring their wishes to die.
* We insist everyone should acknowledge patients’ freedom & power to exercise choice towards the end of life.
* We seek to influence others to promote the interests of all people towards the end of life & support their right to choice in living & dying well.
* We are pleased to note RTDE is an INGO holding Participatory Status at the Council of Europe since 2013.