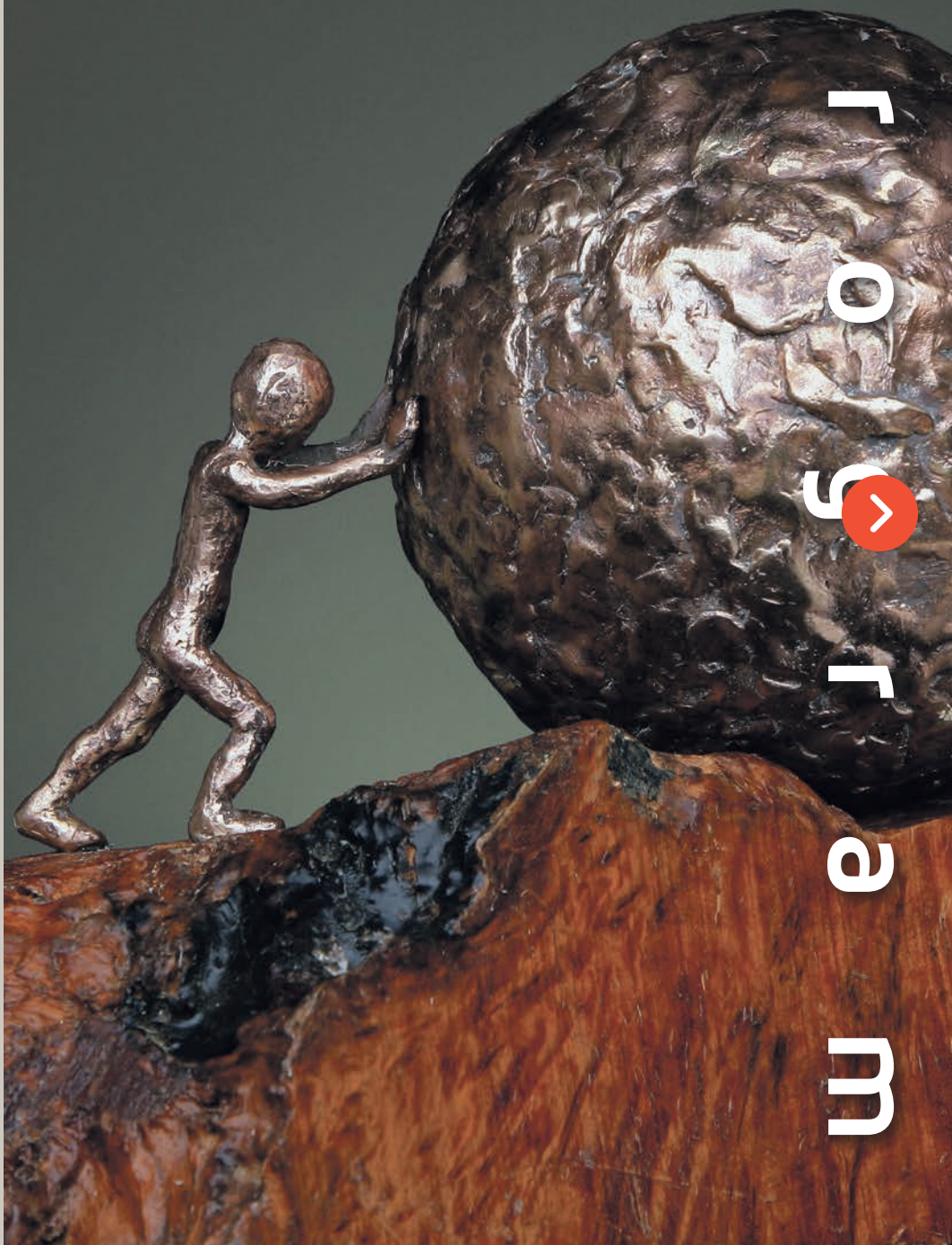




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**Children's
Peace Prize**

20th
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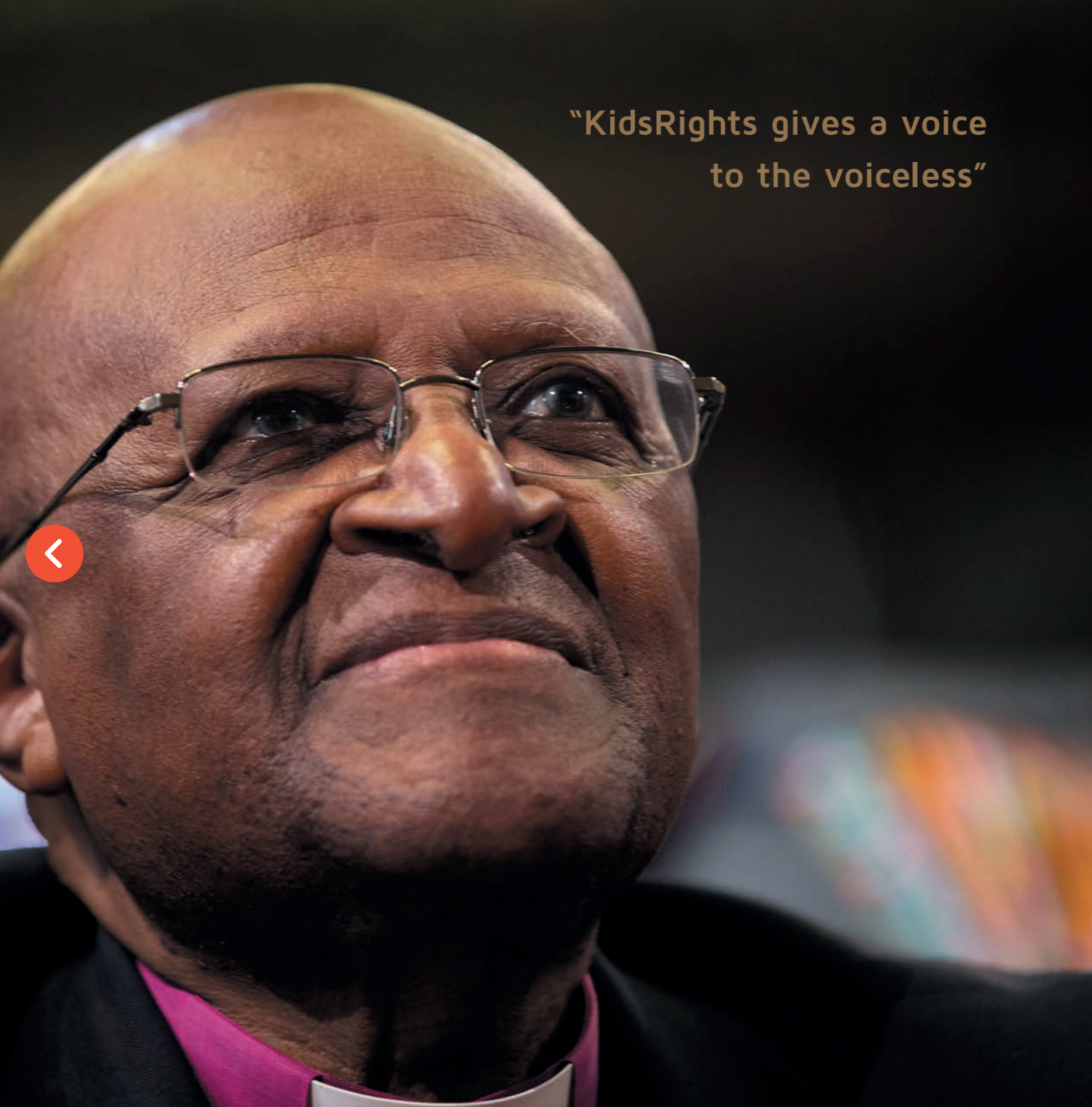
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“KidsRights gives a voice
to the voiceless”



Welcome



It is a pleasure and a privilege to welcome you to the International Children’s Peace Prize ceremony 2024. We are delighted to celebrate this jubilee together with you, as this ceremony marks the 20th anniversary of the International Children’s Peace Prize.

The International Children’s Peace Prize exemplifies KidsRights’ belief that the children who make a difference in the world should be recognized, awarded and motivated in their incredible effort to improve children’s rights. For the past 20 years, the International Children’s Peace Prize has provided a global platform to the winner to amplify their message and exponentially scale their impact. The winner’s remarkable story and message reaches millions of people every year and has an enormous impact on advancing the rights of children. The winners show us that a child really can move the world, as the International Children’s Peace Prize statuette, the ‘Nkosi’, expresses.

KidsRights launched the International Children’s Peace Prize in 2005 in the capital of Rome during the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, chaired by Mikhail Gorbachev. Since then, the International Children’s Peace Prize has been awarded annually by a Nobel Peace Laureate. Continuing this unique tradition, Tawakkol Karman, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2011, will present the award to this year’s winner.

In 2024, KidsRights received 165 nominations from 47 countries. Every nominee is carrying out impactful work, inspiring children and adults all over the world.

Today, we proudly present the winner of the International Children’s Peace Prize 2024 to the world. This child will win the prize in the name of, and for the benefit of millions of other children.

Yours sincerely,

Marc Dullaert

Chairman KidsRights Foundation and Founder of the International Children’s Peace Prize





KidsRights

KidsRight, founded in 2003 by Marc Dullaert, is an international children's rights organisation that strives for a world where all children have access to their rights and are enabled to realize the great potential they carry within them. KidsRights sees children as changemakers with the power to move the world, and facilitates in voicing their opinions and taking action in order to bring about change. KidsRights supports children by commanding global attention for the realization of children's rights and acts as a catalyst to ignite change, together with children and youth.

KidsRights is the founder of the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize, the world's first borderless State of Youth and the organisation behind the first and only global annual KidsRights Index.

Please visit the website to find out more about KidsRights: www.kidsrights.org.



For our focus, impact and future goals see page 29.



The International Children's Peace Prize

Every year the International Children's Peace Prize is awarded to a courageous child who has made an exceptional difference for the rights of the child and the position of children, anywhere in the world. We are proud that each year the message of the new winner reaches and inspires hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

The prize recognizes the accomplishments of the winners and it offers them a worldwide platform to promote their ideals and causes – allowing for the important messages these young *changemakers* convey to reach a broader public and thereby making a greater impact in the promotion of children's rights.

The International Children's Peace Prize is an initiative of Marc Dullaert, Founder and Chairman of the KidsRights Foundation. The prize was launched in 2005 during the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Rome, chaired by Mikhail Gorbachev. Since then, each year the prize has been presented by a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

The winner of the International Children's Peace Prize receives the statuette 'the Nkosi', which shows how a child sets the world in motion. This statuette is named after the first winner of the International Children's Peace Prize*. The winner also receives a study and care grant to enable him or her to obtain education, including a university degree. Furthermore, the International Children's Peace Prize is accompanied by a project fund of €100,000, half of which goes to the winner's project, with the other half invested by KidsRights in the projects of other young changemakers, on the winner's theme, fighting for children's rights.

Nominations for the International Children's Peace Prize can come from any person, in any country, with knowledge of any exceptional child who is dedicated to promoting and realizing children's rights. An independent Expert Committee assesses the applications and selects the final shortlist of nominees.

* *The Children's Peace Prize statuette, the Nkosi, is designed by Inge Ikkink.*

The Expert Committee of the International Children Peace Prize:

- **Yanghee Lee** Professor, developmental psychologist, former special rapporteur of the UN on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Former Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- **Jo Becker** Advocacy Director Human Rights Watch, Children's Rights Division.
- **Tawakkol Karman** Winner Nobel Peace Prize 2011, Human rights activist, journalist, politician, president of Women Journalists without Chains organisation.
- **Benyam Mezmur** Member and Former Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- **Marc Dullaert** Founder and Chairman of the KidsRights Foundation and Founder of the Children's Peace Prize.

In 2024 the expert committee has two advisory members:

- **Sadat Rahman** International Children's Peace Prize winner of 2020 from Bangladesh
- **Anastasiia Demchenko** International Children's Peace Prize winner 2023 from Ukraine.



Winners of the International Children's Peace Prize



2005: Nkosi Johnson



2006: Om Prakash Gurjar



2007: Thandiwe Chama



2008: Mayra Avellar Neves



2009: Baruani Ndume



2010: Fracia Simon



2011: Chaeli Mycroft



2012: Kesz Valdez



2013: Malala Yousafzai



2014: Neha Gupta



2015: Abraham M. Keita



2016: Kehkashan Basu



2017: Mohamad Al Jounde



2018: March for our lives



2019: Divina Maloum & Greta Thunberg



2020: Sadat Rahman



2021: Nav & Vihaan Agarwal



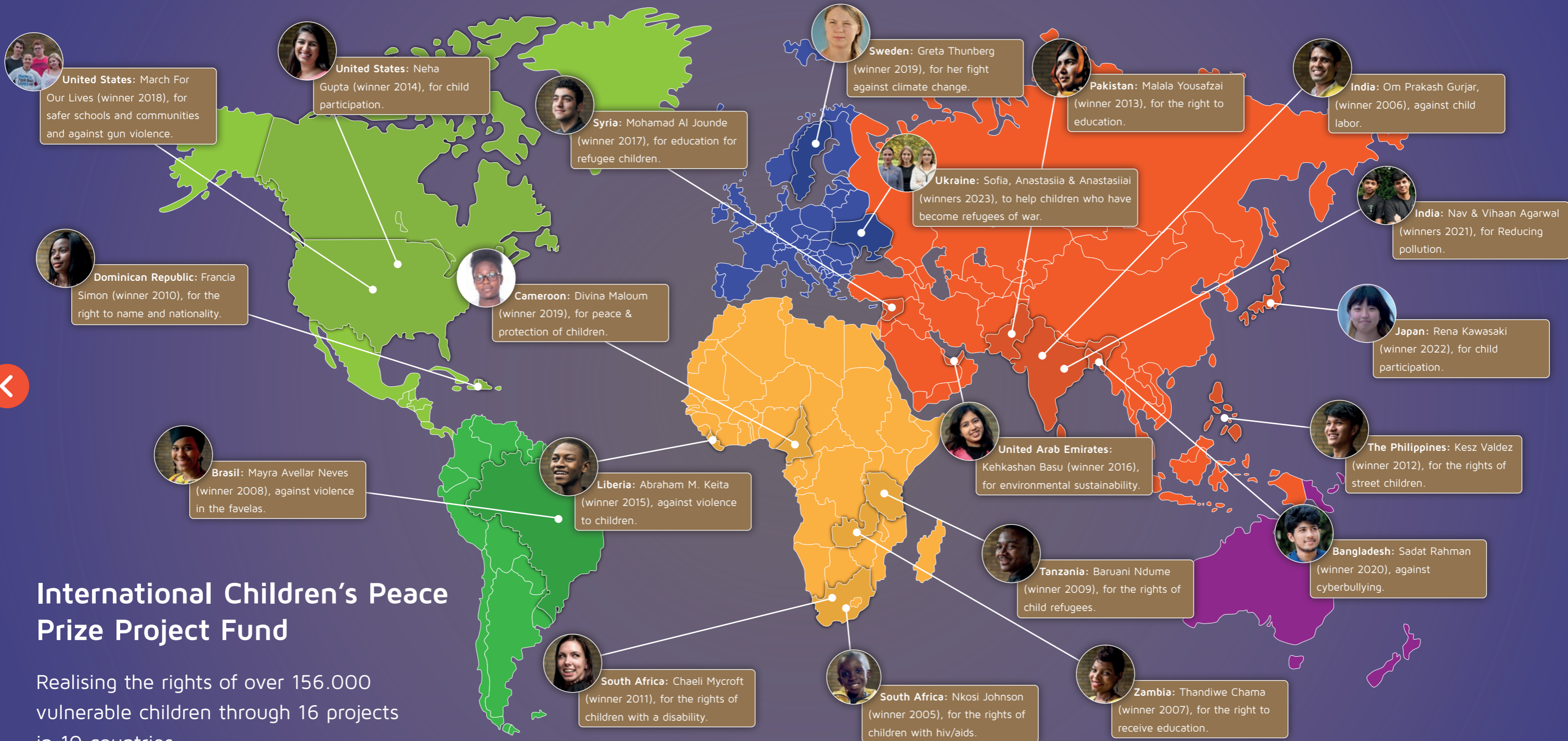
2022: Rena Kawasaki



2023: Sofia, Anastasiia & Anastasiia

International Children's Peace Prize Project Fund

Realising the rights of over 156.000 vulnerable children through 16 projects in 10 countries.



Changemakers

20 stories that changed the world

Changemakers will be released on 19 November, on the eve of the 20th anniversary ceremony of the International Children's Peace Prize.

Twenty children who set the world in motion. Twenty interviews. Twenty incredibly inspiring stories for young and old.

The International Children's Peace Prize and the message of the winner reaches every year hundreds of millions of people all over the world.

This year awarded for the 20th time, a milestone and an occasion to get in touch again with the winners, to talk about their lives and their actions, to listen with wonderment, and to get inspired...!

In the new book 20 compelling stories of International Children's Peace Prize winners are described and beautifully illustrated that will move and inspire both young and old.

The book includes stunning photographs of the young winners with famous award recipients and celebrities. From Obama to Bono, from Gorbachev to crowned heads of states. These stories of courage, adversity, perseverance and hope, touch people around the world. The stories are iconic, and relatable to everyone and show that everyone can be a "Changemaker"!

More information: www.changemakersbook.org.



2018 winner of the International Children's Peace Prize: March For Our Lives



2019 winner of the International Children's Peace Prize: Greta Thunberg





Desmond Tutu Care & Study fund

The winner receives a scholarship from KidsRights to enable the child to obtain education up until and including a university degree. To avoid inequality within the family KidsRights supports the education of siblings as well.

Secondly, financial care is made available to support the winner and his or her family in livelihood costs, where needed.



Children's Peace Prize winners gathered in Mexico at the Nobel Peace Summit. From left to right, up and down: Alex (MFOL, winner 2018), Baruani (winner 2009), Ryan (MFOL, winner 2018), Chaeli (winner 2011) and Mohamad (winner 2017).

One child can move the world

Every year the International Children's Peace Prize is a magnificent celebration of children's rights and the abilities of young *changemakers* who move the world. In 2024, 165 children from no fewer than 47 countries were put forward as nominees. This year's nominees together defend the rights of children on a wide range of issues, including Climate, Education, Child Labour, Gender Equality, Child Marriage and Health, and various other pressing global challenges. Once again, the annual list of nominees comprises many inspiring and encouraging stories about true *changemakers* who demonstrate that young age is no way a barrier to launching initiatives that improve children's rights. Read about these brave *changemakers*: www.kidsrights.org/advocacy/nominees.



Finalists 2024



Sarah Shelke

Age: 16

Topic: Access to mental health resources for marginalised children and youth

Country: United States of America

"Take action for what you believe in, because we can't keep expecting others to do something for us. We need to stand up for ourselves and for others!"



Adhi Daiv

Age: 18

Topic: Community mobilisation for a sustainable environment for children

Country: India

"Let's believe in our ability to effect change and strive for a world where every individual has access to a sustainable environment and equal opportunities, equal resources. Together, let's create a world we are proud of. Together, let's create a legacy of resilience, compassion and progress!"



Nila Ibrahimi

Age: 17

Topic: Education and participation rights of Afghan girls and women

Country: Afghanistan

"There are millions of girls who have been displaced along with those in Afghanistan who have no access to resources or education, yet they persist in their struggles. They have not given up. This resilience is what I want to highlight about Afghan girls - it's what deserves support, appreciation, and attention."



Meet Sarah

Sarah Shelke is a 16-year-old girl from the United States who is on a mission to solve the mental health crisis for underserved youth. Through her organisation "Mind4Youth", Sarah provides accessible mental health resources to marginalised children and youth. For Sarah, one of her greatest achievements is her success in inspiring and mobilising a diverse group of youth to join her cause.

Sarah was only 12 years old when she realised the disparities and inequalities in access to mental health care for youth. After someone she knew committed suicide, Sarah made it her mission to address the challenges faced by marginalized children and youth in speaking about mental health concerns and in accessing mental health resources.

Under Sarah's leadership, Mind4Youth has grown to become one of the largest youth-led mental health organisations globally with over 9,800 youth members and 15 chapters, impacting 1.6 million youth in over 40 countries.

Sarah is committed to making systemic changes to improve awareness and access to mental health resources for youth. She has authored the book "A Guide to Teen Mental Health," aiming to raise mental health awareness among more than 30,000 youth in collaboration with local libraries. She is also exploring a partnership with a large online educational platform, aiming to expand Mind4Youth's reach to 52,000 schools across the United States.

Meeting and working with so many young people from varied backgrounds remains a rewarding experience for her. Sarah also takes immense pride in training other young people to become leaders in their communities, even if their focus isn't specifically on mental health. Hearing feedback from participants in her programs, who have shared the valuable lessons they've learned, further validates her efforts and drives her mission forward.

Sarah's story is one of remarkable perseverance and achievement. Her unwavering dedication to improving access to mental health resources for youth by addressing systemic barriers serves as an inspiring reminder of the power of resilience and the impact youth can make on the world.

Sarah's message is "Take action for what you believe in, because we can't keep expecting others to do something for us. We need to stand up for ourselves and for others!"



Meet Adhi

Adhi Daiv is an 18-year-old from India transforming barren deserts into lush, green landscapes to address water scarcity concerns which are disproportionately impacting children and women. He mobilises local communities through his unique plantation technique – using only one litre water per tree for its lifetime, and employs hundreds of women and unemployed youth to ensure a lasting and sustainable change for the entire community.

Adhi Daiv was only 13 years old when he embarked on an extraordinary mission to transform the barren deserts of Rajasthan, India into lush, green landscapes. He founded "Urvara - Greening Mother Earth", a non-profit social enterprise dedicated to combating desertification and water scarcity using an innovative technique that requires just one litre of water per tree for its entire life.

Adhi grew up hearing stories about the daily struggles his mother and other women faced, who had to walk miles and miles to fetch a few litres of water for their households. He also realised that lack of adequate access to water severely impacts children's development and pushes them and their families away from their homes. This left a lasting impression on Adhi, fuelling his desire to create a sustainable solution. His first step involved fundraising to provide rural women with water wheels - devices that help carry large amounts of water over long distances. However, he soon realised that this was merely a temporary fix for the larger issues of water scarcity and desertification plaguing the entire region.

Through Urvara, Adhi focuses on community mobilisation to plant trees using the innovative one-litre water technique. He empowers local communities to become stewards of their environment. So far, Urvara has transformed 25 acres of desert into fertile green land, conserving over 1.65 million litres of water in the process. The initiative has directly impacted 50,000 villagers and 10,000 children, providing vital employment opportunities and improving livelihoods.

By employing 250 community members, including 75 youth, Urvara has created a ripple effect of economic empowerment throughout the communities. Adhi envisions Urvara expanding to 100 more acres of land, spanning at least 10 additional villages in the next few years, creating employment opportunities for thousands of people, and a sustainable environment for children.

Adhi's message to the world: "Let's believe in our ability to effect change and strive for a world where every individual has access to a sustainable environment and equal opportunities, equal resources. Together, let's create a world we are proud of. Together, let's create a legacy of resilience, compassion and progress!"





Meet Nila

Nila Ibrahim is a 17-year-old Afghanistan-native, residing in Canada, who is **courageously fighting for the rights of girls and women in her home country. Nila's viral protest song in Afghanistan led to the reversal of a ban on schoolgirls from singing. Nila provides alternative education opportunities for Afghan girls. Through her initiative "Her Story", she also empowers Afghan girls by providing a global platform to share their stories, to make sure that they are heard.**

She was only 13 years old when she discovered the power of her voice amidst the Kabul Education Directorate's discriminatory decision to ban schoolgirls from singing in public. Refusing to be silenced, Nila spearheaded the singing movement by recording herself sing a powerful protest song online. Her viral singing video in Afghanistan inspired thousands of girls to assert their rights and stand up against discrimination. Nila's fearless vocal activism forced the then government of Afghanistan to repeal the discriminatory decision within 3 weeks.

Nila's life changed dramatically when she was 14 as the Taliban took over Afghanistan. She fled with her family to Pakistan before moving to Canada. Since then, Nila has been actively advocating to safeguard the rights of girls from Afghanistan.

Nila advocates with various essential stakeholders in the fight for equal access to education for Afghan women and girls. Her advocacy efforts support over 4,000 girls in accessing alternative educational opportunities in Afghanistan. She has been the voice of Afghan girls at various events, including at the Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy, the UK House of Lords, Canadian Women for Women of Afghanistan Montreal Summit and TED Vancouver.

Nila co-founded "Her Story", an initiative to provide a safe platform for Afghan girls to share their stories. Through Her Story, Nila highlights the potential and resilience of Afghan girls, both inside and outside of Afghanistan. She is fighting for the education rights of all Afghan girls and women who are losing out on valuable schooling years due to the discriminatory ban on their education. Nila's message to children worldwide is to seek opportunities and to support one another, as every story and voice holds the potential to inspire positive change.

Nila's fight for the rights of girls is even more important now as the Taliban has again imposed a discriminatory law banning girls and women in Afghanistan from even speaking or singing in public places.

Nila's message to the world: *"There are millions of girls who have been displaced along with those in Afghanistan who have no access to resources or education, yet they persist in their struggles. They have not given up. This resilience is what I want to highlight about Afghan girls — it's what deserves support, appreciation, and attention."*

Partnering with KidsRights

Together we move the world

KidsRights offers young *changemakers* a platform to speak their minds and to strengthen the scope and impact of their changemaking actions. Together with children and partners, we bridge children's local realities and local *changemaking* activities with international decision-making processes. KidsRights commands global attention for children as *changemakers* and children's rights and acts as a catalyst to ignite change. We inspire and empower an unstoppable global movement for children's rights, with an impact that effectively changes the lives of vulnerable children worldwide.

The extraordinary support of our donors and partners, makes it possible to organize The International Children's Peace Prize and other KidsRights programs. We believe in the power of effective partnerships to realize the improvement of children's rights and are convinced that through collaboration we can increase the impact. Please contact KidsRights if you want to support and join our movement of change.

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Today's guest of honor: Ms. Tawakkol Karman

Our guest of honour today is Tawakkol Karman, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize 2011. Ms. Karman is a mother of three as well as a human rights activist, journalist, politician, president of the Women Journalists without Chains organisation, and senior member of the Al-Islah political party. She is a member of the advisory board for the Transparency International Organisation and for several international human rights NGOs.

Ms. Karman was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011 in recognition of her non-violent struggle to improve freedom of expression of rights and safety of women. As well as her efforts for improving women's rights to full participation in society in Yemen.

Upon being awarded the prize, Ms. Karman became the first Yemeni, the first Arab woman, and the second Muslim woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize, as well as the youngest Nobel Peace Laureate to date, at the age of 32.

Ms. Karman was born in 1979 in Taiz, Yemen's third largest city. Growing up in a politically tumultuous country, she witnessed the unification of North and South Yemen in 1990, followed by a civil war in 1994. The civil war led to dissidence in the South as the repressive Northern government assumed control over the country. A journalist by profession and human rights activist by nature, Ms. Karman responded to the political instability and human rights abuses in Yemen by mobilizing others and reporting on injustices.

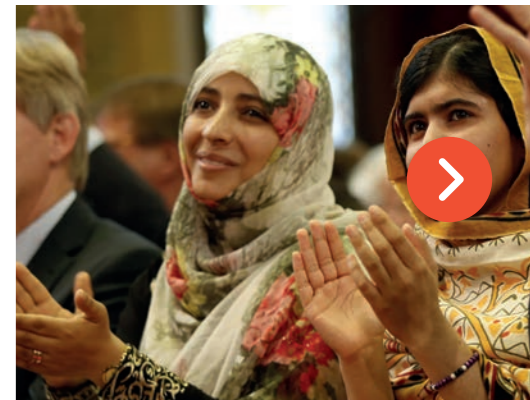
In 2005, Ms. Karman founded the organisation "Women Journalists Without Chains" (WJWC), which advocates for rights and freedom and provides media skills to journalists. In 2007, she began organising weekly protests in Yemen's capitol Sana'a, targeting systemic government repression and calling for inquiries into corruption and other forms of social and legal injustice. During her protests, Ms. Karman has been arrested several times and had her life threatened. Amongst Yemen's youth movement, she is known as "mother of the revolution", "the iron woman", and recently "the lady of the Arab spring".

Ms. Karman has entered into many dialogues and written several articles, calling for abandonment of extremism, violence and terrorism, for the dialogues between religion and sects, and for co-existence between the different peoples, cultures and civilizations.

Since receiving the award, Ms. Karman has continued to support female journalists and rally Yemenis against government corruption and injustice.

Ms. Karman strongly calls for equal citizenship not only in her country, but also worldwide.

"I am a universal citizen, the earth is my home land and humanity is my nation."



Today's speakers



Her Royal Highness Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands

The work of Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands focuses on social innovation in areas such as illiteracy, sustainability, poverty, education and digital well-being. She facilitates dozens of dialogues between unexpected stakeholders on an ongoing basis and is the author of eight (children's) books. She founded the Reading & Writing Foundation in 2004, dedicated to the prevention and reduction of illiteracy. In 2009, she founded the Missing Chapter Foundation, whose mission is to empower young people and decision-makers to engage in constructive dialogue with a view to make decision-making future-proof. Princess Laurentien is also UNESCO Special Envoy on Literacy for Development and President of Fauna & Flora International. Finally, Princess Laurentien is director of the Number 5 Foundation, an ANBI foundation that she and Prince Constantijn founded in 2017. The foundation works on various social issues such as child poverty, language development for 0-4 year olds, digital inequality and sustainability.

Ms. Ann Skelton | Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Ann Skelton is the Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. She is a Professor of Law at the University of Pretoria, where she holds the Chair: Education Law in Africa, and Professor of Law at Leiden University, where she holds the Chair: Children's Rights in a Sustainable World. She also teaches at in the International Masters on Human Rights at the University of Oxford, and is a Visiting Professor at the University of Strathclyde. She has published widely on children's rights. She worked as a children's rights lawyer in South Africa for 30 years where she played a leading role in child law reform. She pioneered strategic litigation on children's rights from the Centre for Child Law (where she was Director from 2008 to 2018) and appeared as counsel in twelve landmark cases in the South African Constitutional Court. Her global influence has been recognised through several awards, including the Honorary Worlds Children's Prize, and the Juvenile Justice Without Borders Award. She has chaired several international drafting bodies, including the Advisory Board for the Global Study on Children Deprived of their Liberty.



Marc Dullaert | Chairman KidsRights Foundation and Founder of the International Children's Peace Prize

Marc Dullaert is the founder and chair of the KidsRights Foundation and founder of the International Children's Peace Prize. KidsRights is active on four continents and promotes children's rights with children as changemakers. KidsRights "gives a voice to the voiceless" as patron Desmond Tutu puts it.

Marc Dullaert was the first Ombudsman for children in the Netherlands and was president of ENOC representing ombudspersons and commissioners for children from 33 European countries. He published more than 30 surveys regarding children's rights issues and took the initiative to develop the KidsRights Index, an instrument that measures how 196 countries worldwide adhere to children's rights. Marc founded the first ever digital, borderless state, The State of Youth, launched at the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates and the United Nations in September 2019.

Currently Marc Dullaert serves as the Chairman of the Board of the KidsRights Foundation.



Today's program

Rapsalon Fanfare, Steven Verhelst

- **Welcome by Mrs. Gina London**
Master of Ceremony
- **Opening by Princess Laurentien van Oranje**

Musical interlude: Ode An Die Freude, from symphony 9, L. v Beethoven, arr. Steven Verhelst

- **Mr. Abraham M. Keita**
International Children's Peace Prize winner 2015
- **Mr. Adhi Daiv**
Finalist 2024 - International Children's Peace Prize
- **Ms. Sarah Shelke**
Finalist 2024 - International Children's Peace Prize
- **Ms. Ann Skelton**
Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

Musical interlude: Nimrod/Lux Aeterna, from Enigma variations, E. Elgar, arr. Steven Verhelst

- **Mr. Marc Dullaert**
Chairman KidsRights Foundation and Founder of the International Children's Peace Prize
- **Ms. Nilā Ibrahimi**
Finalist 2024 - International Children's Peace Prize
- **Nobel Peace Laureate Ms. Tawakkol Karman**
Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize 2011
- **Presentation of The International Children's Peace Prize 2024 to the winner**
- **Acceptance speech by the winner of the International Children's Peace Prize 2024**

Musical interlude



About KidsRights

We empower changemakers

KidsRights, founded in 2003, is an international non-governmental organisation that promotes the wellbeing of vulnerable children across the world and advocates for the realisation of their rights. KidsRights strives for a world where all children have access to their rights and are empowered to realise the great potential they carry within them. KidsRights sees children as 'changemakers' who have the power to move the world and facilitates them in voicing their opinions and in taking action to bring about change.



KidsRights supports children by commanding global attention for the realisation of children's rights and acting as a catalyst to ignite change, together with children and youth. This advocacy is supported with research and action. The foundation also finances local projects aimed at directly improving the rights of vulnerable children and stimulating child participation and changemaking by youths.

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KidsRights' core focus

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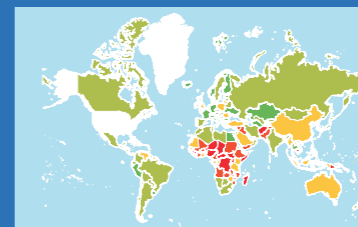
We do advocacy in order to raise awareness about children's rights, and ensure children's rights are put on the agenda of policy makers worldwide.

The International Children's Peace Prize (ICPP) is awarded annually to a child who fights courageously for children's rights.

Since the inception of the International Children's Peace Prize, we have been honoured to have 19 ICPP winners from 17 different countries, on 5 different continents. They include Asia, Africa, Europe, North America and South America.

In 2023 over **3,1 billion** people were reached.

RESEARCH



KidsRights conducts and publishes research through the KidsRights Index, the only global ranking that annually measures how children's rights are respected worldwide and to what extent countries are committed in improving the rights of children. It comprises a ranking of all UN member states that have ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and for which sufficient data is available, as of 2024 a total of 194 countries are part of the Index.

Our research also provides a scientific background to our programs to improve international children's rights. Every year we publish the KidsRights Index and a KidsRights Report.

In 2024 over **2,25 billion** people were reached.

ACTION



The State of Youth is the world's first online State and one of the fastest growing youth movements in the world. Through our Action Program and panels, we support grassroots projects and actions led by young changemakers (12-24). We equip them with toolkits and blended training, empowering them to be proactive agents of change.

Through State of Youth Kids -an edutainment platform- we now reach also the youngest Changemakers (6-12).

In 2024, we launched State of Youth NL. We bundle the voices of the Dutch youth (12-29) on topics that matter to them, through online panels and activations at schools.

Even if **2024** is not yet over, we have so far **294** chapters in **42** countries.



KidsRights' impact

ADVOCACY



2022: Rena Kawasaki from Japan won the ICPP 2022 in recognition of her fight to increase child participation in Japan. After winning the ICPP, Rena's message was on the front page in various media outlets in Japan. Rena's speech during the ceremony led to a discussion on youth participation concerns by the Prime Minister of Japan in the parliament.

2023: Anastasiia Demchenko, Sofiiia Tereshchenko and Anastasiia Feskova from Ukraine won the ICPP 2023 as a recognition of their resilience and efforts to safeguard the lives and rights of refugee children through their mobile applications. After becoming the winners, they were invited to advise the Council of Europe on the refugee children's policies.

RESEARCH



2023: The KidsRights Index 2023 highlighted the post-pandemic state of polycrisis weighing down on the rights of children worldwide. The number of countries covered increased from 185 in 2022 to 193 in 2023 due to availability of data. The dramatic effects of covid-19 pandemic were confirmed by the findings in domains in life and health. The 2023 KidsRights Index was used by policy makers and members of parliament in many parts of the world.

2024: The 12th edition of KidsRights Index ranks the performance of 194 countries on children's rights. It highlights the violation of children's rights due to the continued polycrisis, especially violent conflicts worldwide. The Index also reports on the effects of climate change on the rights of children. The findings of the the KidsRights Index 2024 reached millions of people and formed the basis for discussions in many parliaments around the world. Discussions also took place in the Dutch parliament about the current children's rights situation.

ACTION



2023: The State of Youth continues to expand its network all around the world, motivating and supporting young changemakers. This year, we launched State of Youth Kids – an infotainment platform for children aged 6 to 12 years to learn about SDGs and children's rights in a playful manner. We aim to raise awareness among the children to enable them to become changemakers.

2024: State of Youth network has 294 chapters registered in 42 countries! 100 of these chapters have been actively engaged in the movement. We now have 4 new partnerships with grassroots organisations in Georgia, Romania, India, and Pakistan. We have launched a new country - *State of Youth NL* to specifically fight for the rights of children and youth in the Netherlands. We strengthen the voices of the Dutch youth (12-29) on topics that matter to them, through online panels and activations at schools.

KidsRights' future goals

ADVOCACY



The world's leading youth prize

- Organise the annual International Children's Peace Prize ceremony in capitals around the world to expand our reach and increase our impact on Children's Rights.
- Strategically support the activities of youth and youth-led organisations on children's rights issues relating to the winners' work.
- Amplify the message of the winner and the finalists to fuel systemic changes for advancing the rights of children, nationally and internationally.

RESEARCH



The world's leading independent international institute and "watchdog" on children's rights

- Build on the authority of the KidsRights Index by integrating a climate change domain to develop a climate-conscious KidsRights Index.
- Engage with governments, intergovernmental organisations, and companies to actively advise on advancing the rights of children.
- Launch an interactive web platform to disseminate the findings of the KidsRights Index.
- Co-create a child-friendly KidsRights Index to inform and encourage children to advocate for their rights.

ACTION



The world's first borderless digital "state" that amplifies and connects youth voices and youth actions globally

- *State of Youth International:* Strengthen the central role of the State of Youth chapters, optimize and expand partnerships, and pilot a new grantmaking model.
- *State of Youth NL:* Collaborate with more organisations, become the go-to representative panel of Dutch youth (12-29) to for shared goals; As a representative panel of dutch youth (12-29)
- *State of Youth Kids:* Teach children (6-12) about child rights and SDG's in a fun, playful way. Establish partnerships with schools to empower more children to become future changemakers.



Special thanks



PERMANENT
SECRETARIAT

World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates

The International Children's Peace Prize was launched by KidsRights during the 2005 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates chaired by Mikhail Gorbachev. Since then, the prize has been awarded every year by a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. www.nobelpeacesummit.com



The Board of the KidsRights Foundation is comprised of:

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