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# The International Children's Peace Prize

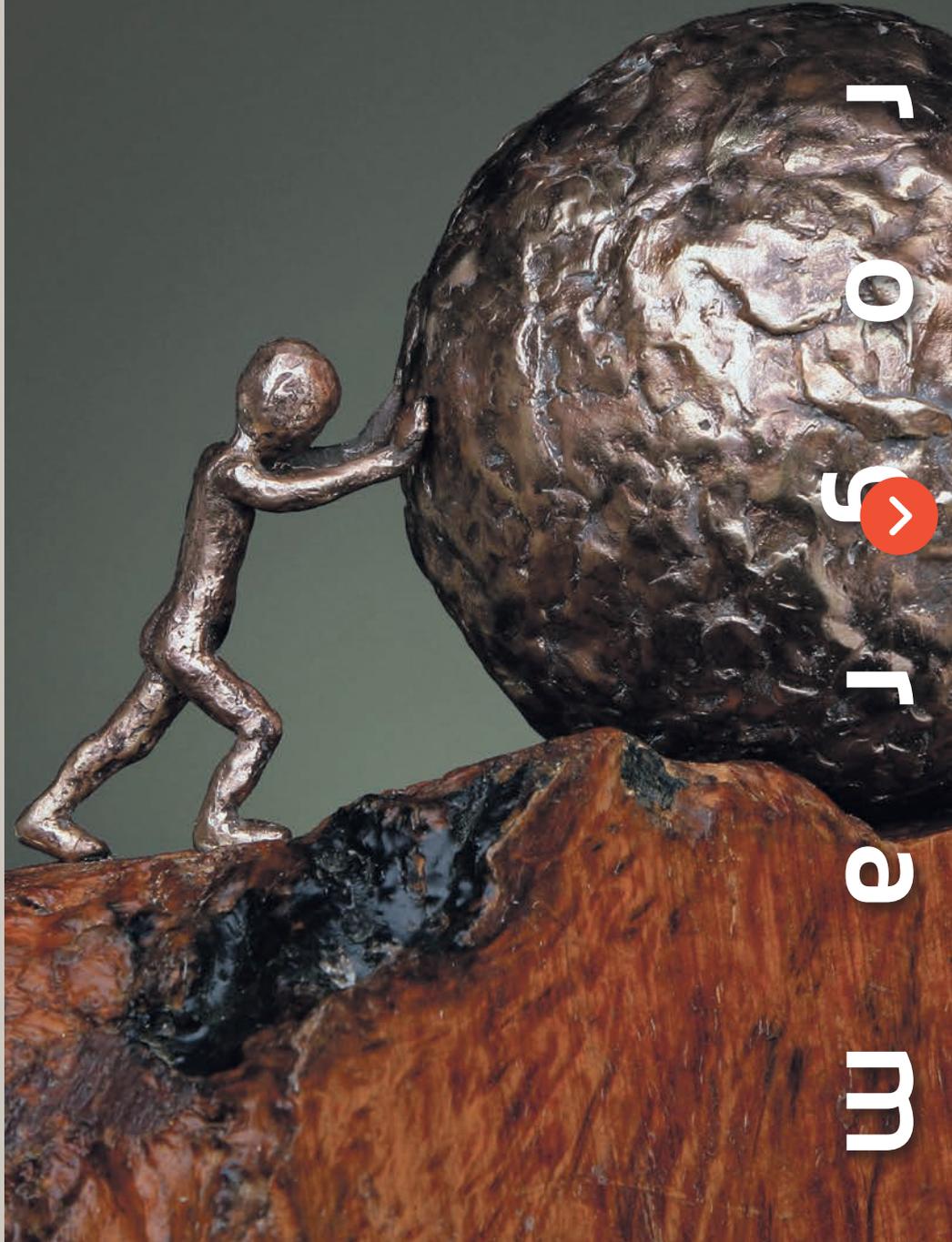
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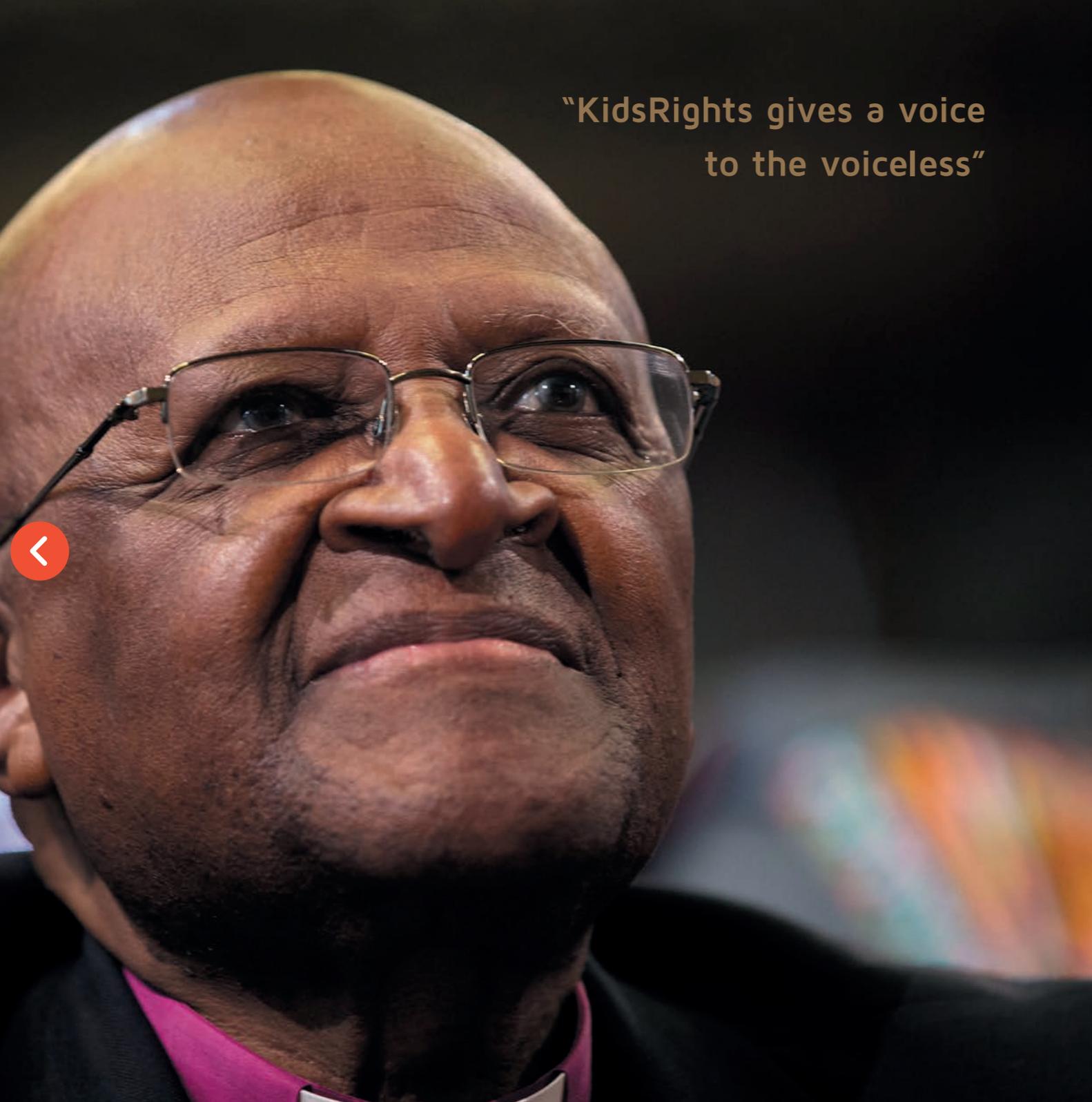
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# 2025



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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 2025. This year, we are honored to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> International Children’s Peace Prize in the iconic city hall of Stockholm, world-renowned as the venue closely connected with the annual Nobel Prize. The International Children’s Peace Prize 2025 is co-hosted by the Global Child Forum, founded by the Swedish royal family in 2009.

This setting reflects the truly global stature and reach of the International Children’s Peace Prize, uniting voices for peace and children’s rights from every corner of the world.

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 21 years, the International Children’s Peace Prize has provided a global platform for the winner to amplify their message.

The winner’s remarkable story and message reach hundreds of 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 Rome during the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, chaired by Mikhail Gorbachev. Over the year’s the international children’s peace prize grew into the world’s most important youth prize.

Since 2005 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 International Children’s Peace Prize to this year’s winner. In 2025, KidsRights received more than 200 nominations from 47 countries. Every nominee is carrying out remarkable work, inspiring children and adults all over the world.

Today, we proudly present the winner of the International Children’s Peace Prize 2025 to the world. This child will win the International Children’s Peace 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*

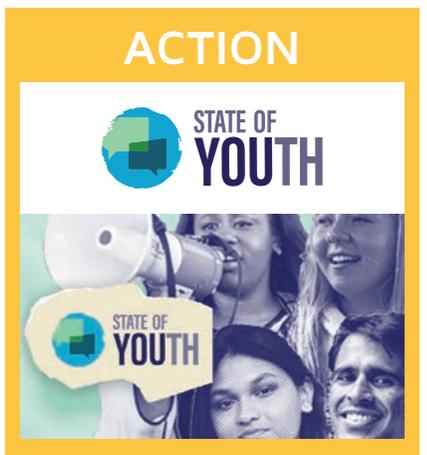


# KidsRights

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, The 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](http://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 € 50,000. That will go to the winner's project. € 25.000 will be 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 Iking.*

The Expert Committee of the International Children Peace Prize:

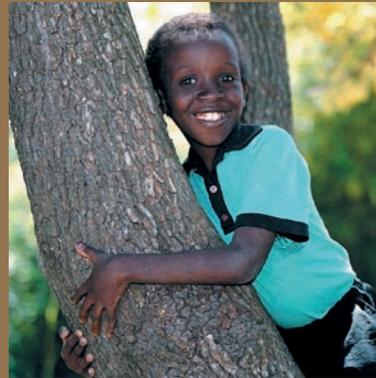
- **Yanghee Lee** Professor, developmental psychologist, former special rapporteur of the UN on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, Former Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- **Jo Becker** Advocacy Director Human Rights Watch, Children's Rights Division.
- **Tawakkol Karman** 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 2025 the expert committee has two advisory members:

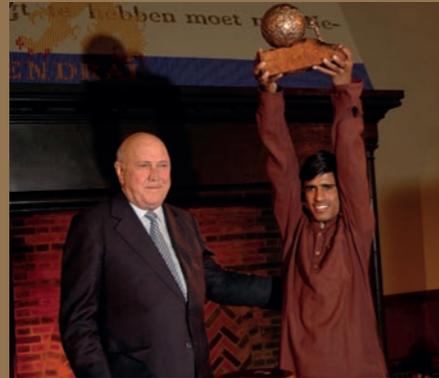
- **Nila Ibrahimi** International Children's Peace Prize winner 2024.
- **Sofiia Tereshchenko** International Children's Peace Prize winner 2023.



# 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: Francía 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



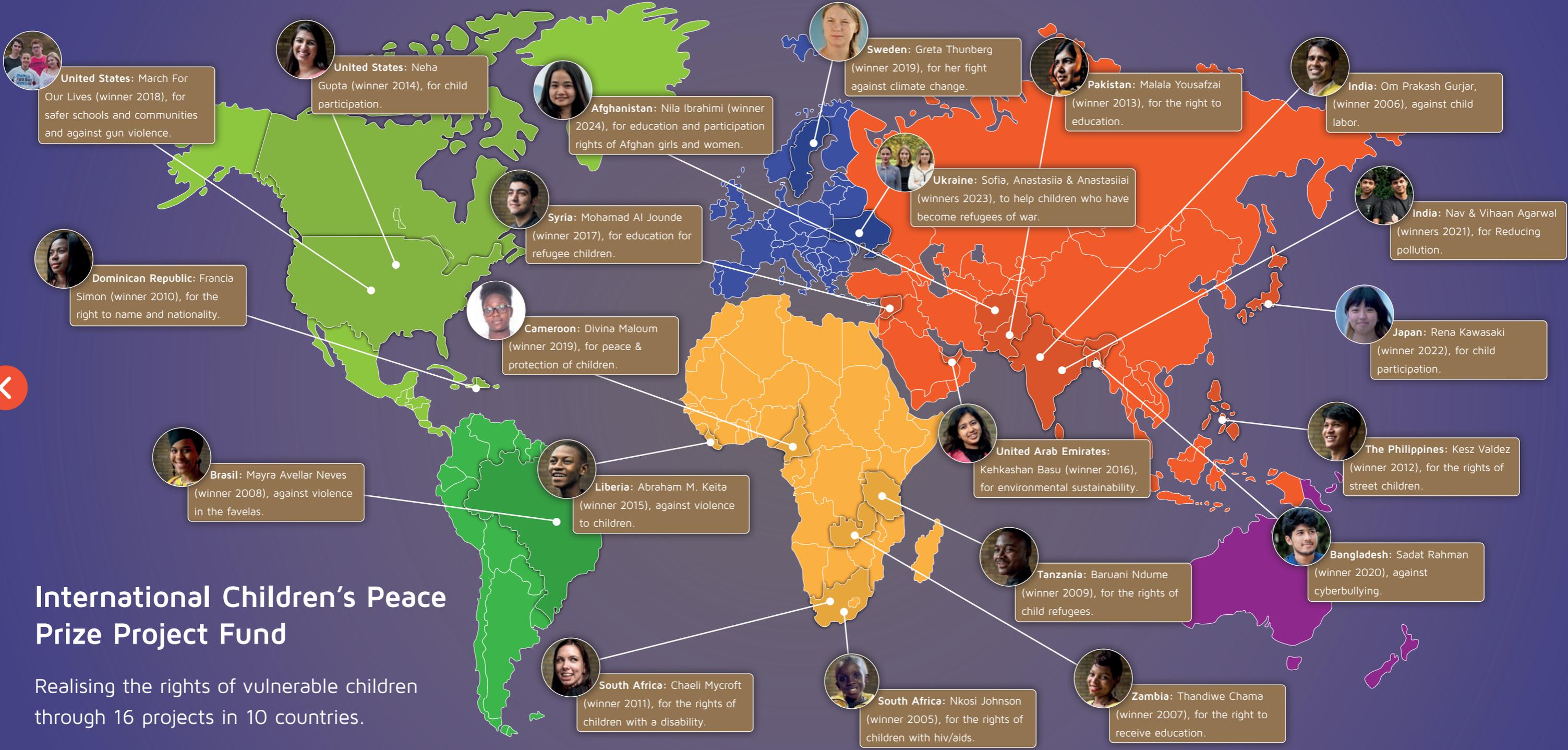
2023: Sofia, Anastasiia & Anastasiia



2024: Nila Ibrahim

# International Children's Peace Prize Project Fund

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



# Changemakers

## 20 stories that changed the world

In 2024 we released on the eve of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony our jubilee book "Changemakers".

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

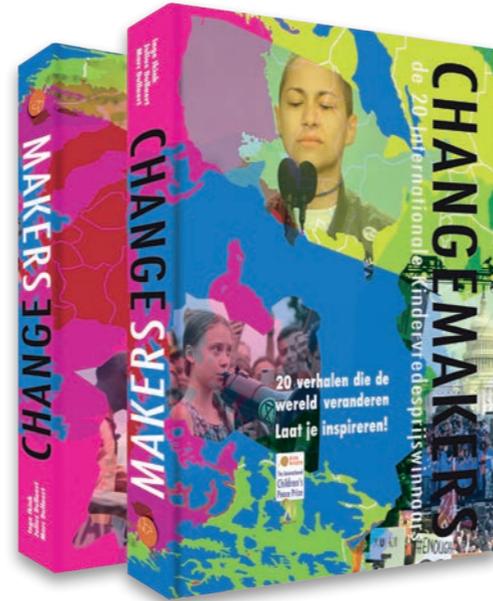
The International Children's Peace Prize and the message of the winner reaches every year hundreds of millions of people all over the world.

This year awarded for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 jubilee 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](http://www.changemakersbook.org).



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



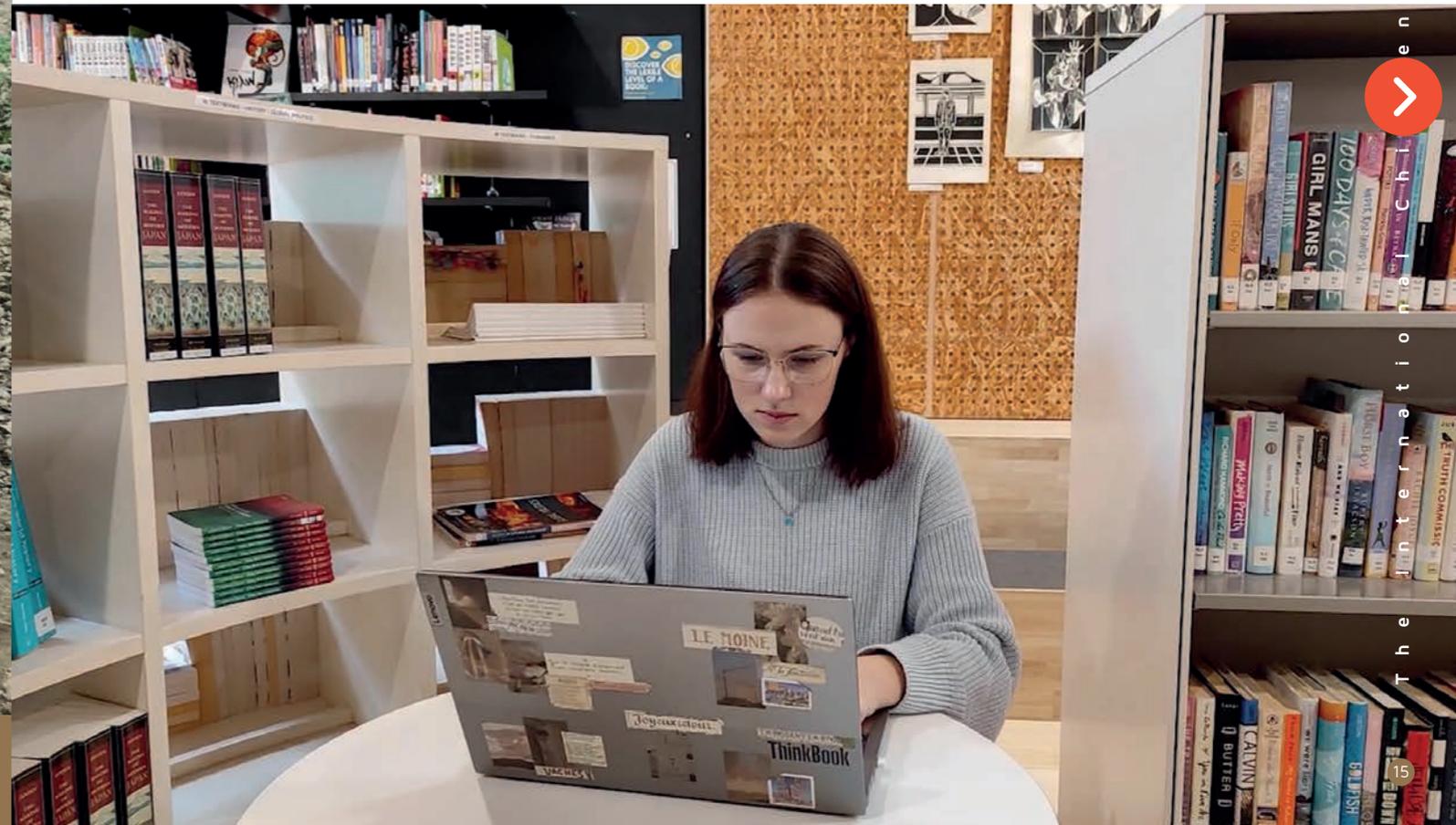
2019 winner of the International Children's Peace Prize: Greta Thunberg



# 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 2025, more than 200 children from 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](http://www.kidsrights.org/advocacy/nominees).



## Finalists 2025



**Divyansh Agrawa**

Age: 16

Topic: Climate Justice / Environment

Country: United States of America

*"They gave us a future on fire—we turned it into a movement, and now we're coming with water, with law, and with unstoppable truth."*



**Bana Alabed**

Age: 15

Topic: Child protection, education

Country: Syria

*"Peace is not a luxury. The world must listen to us. Our childhood has been stolen due to wars and conflicts. We want to live in our country safely. We want peace and to those children who are suffering in the wars, you are not alone."*



**Aeshnina Azzahra Aqilani**

Age: 17

Topic: Climate Justice / Environment / Reduce and stop Plastic Pollution

Country: Indonesia

*"Stop export plastic waste to developing countries. Stand up for the future of our planet. Restore our river, free from microplastics. End the Plastic Era."*



## Meet Divyansh

Divyansh Agrawal is a 16-year-old boy from the United States who is leading efforts for policy reform on climate action. Through his organisation the “Junior Philanthropist Foundation”, Divyansh has mobilized over 10,000 youth across 27 US States to lobby for environmental bills. Divyansh doesn’t just fight for a better world—he builds the systems to make it happen from the bottom up.

From a young age, Divyansh saw the climate crisis not as a distant issue but a lived experience—wildfires choking his skies, droughts reshaping his community, and policies failing to protect the most vulnerable. But instead of turning away, he turned up the volume. At just 16, he has become one of the world’s leading youth voices for climate justice and children’s rights. His guiding belief is simple: every child has the right to a livable planet.

His motivation stems from a belief that every child—regardless of where they are born—deserves the right to a livable planet. That belief has taken him from late nights crafting legislation to global stages like COY19 and COP29, where he co-drafted the Global Youth Statement and inspired leaders from over 160 countries. His climate education curriculum, now being implemented in the Democratic Republic of Congo, will empower 20,000 students in its first year to advocate for resilience and sustainability in their own communities.

As the founder and CEO of the Junior Philanthropists Foundation, he has supported and helped pass 18 environmental bills in California, improving access to clean water for more than 1.2 million people, protecting 35,000 acres of land, and cutting hundreds of thousands of tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions annually. He has authored dozens of policy briefs, mentored thousands of young leaders, and created a model of student-led legislative advocacy now spreading nationwide.

Looking ahead, Divyansh is building global systems for youth governance. He is developing the Global Youth Climate Legislature, an international youth parliament to draft climate policy, and co-organizing a UN Youth Climate Conference in the U.S. Divyansh doesn’t just advocate—he builds systems and movements that defend and advance the rights of children around the world.

Divyansh’s key message to the world is *“They gave us a future on fire—we turned it into a movement, and now we’re coming with water, with law, and with unstoppable truth.”*



## Meet Bana

Now residing in Turkey, Bana has become a powerful voice for children in warzones, advocating for peace, education, and justice. Growing up during the Syrian Civil War, Bana experienced the devastating 2016 siege of Aleppo, where she endured bombings, deprivation, and insecurity. Losing loved ones, including her best friend Yasmine, cemented her resolve to fight for children’s rights and create a future where no child endures such suffering. Bana began her activism by documenting the suffering of children during the war, using diaries, blogs, and social media to highlight life under siege. Her “Stand with Aleppo” campaign, which demanded the lifting of the siege affecting over 360,000 civilians, earned global recognition and praise from leaders, including President Emmanuel Macron of France. , earning her the nickname “Icon of Aleppo.” Her work called attention to the deprivation of education, fear, and displacement faced by millions of children, pressuring the global community to advocate for ceasefires and humanitarian aid.

Today, Bana’s efforts go beyond advocacy. She is dedicated to reuniting the 5,000 missing children of Syria with their families, reopening schools destroyed by conflict, and providing rehousing to displaced youth so they can return to education and stability. Through her initiatives, she is not only amplifying the voices of war-affected children but also implementing programs aimed at rebuilding lives and restoring hope.

In addition to her activism, Bana is an accomplished author and speaker. Her books, Dear World and My Name is Bana, translated into 15 languages, provide powerful firsthand accounts of war and resilience. She has written for global publications, conducted workshops, and participated in films like Voices from Syria to highlight the struggles of displaced children. Through visits to refugee camps in Turkey and Jordan, she raises awareness and offers support to war-affected families.

Bana also runs educational programs for refugee children, providing language skills and mental health support. Moving forward, she plans to expand her efforts with podcasts, documentaries, and workshops to train young activists, while building networks with global advocates. Despite immense challenges, Bana remains steadfast in amplifying the voices of war-affected children, urging the world to offer them protection, justice, and hope for a better.

Of the nomination, Bana commented: *“Peace is not a luxury. The world must listen to us. Our childhood has been stolen due to wars and conflicts. We want peace and to those children who are suffering in the wars, you are not alone.”*





## Meet Aeshnina

Aeshnina Azzahra Aqilani, better known as Nina, is a 17-year-old from Indonesia working to tackle plastic colonialism. Nina fights to forbid plastic waste exports from the West to the Global South addressing leaders, such as Donald Trump and Angela Merkel, directly. Her efforts have led, amongst other things, to the acceptance of European legislation to forbid plastic waste export outside the EU region as part of the "Green Deal" which will improve the life-quality of countless people in developing countries.

Nina's journey began in 2019 when she saw a pile of trash as she was walking around with her father. She observed that many of the waste came from Germany, the United States and other foreign countries. She then learned that Western countries have been sending waste to her region in the form of "paper boxes" for nearby paper mills. Outraged, she wrote letters to leaders in the United States, Germany, Canada, and Australia, urging them to end the practice. Her courage quickly gained international attention and became a source of inspiration for Indonesia's young, spearheading a battle against plastic trash and pushing for immediate climate action.

Since then, Nina has become a leading youth environmental voice. She has spoken at the Plastic Health Summit, COP26, the UN Plastic Treaty negotiations (INC4, Ottawa; INC5, Busan), and other global forums. She met leaders including German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, calling for real accountability. Her advocacy contributed to the adoption of the European Green Deal's ban on plastic waste exports outside the EU from 2027—a historic step that will improve lives worldwide.

Closer to home, Nina founded River Warriors, an initiative that organizes cleanups, awareness campaigns, and demonstrations against plastic pollution. She also established a children's museum to teach young people about waste and microplastics. Featured in the documentary Girls for Future, Nina has inspired thousands in Indonesia and beyond to demand a healthier planet.

Nina continues to lead youth action on climate and pollution, raising awareness through social media, public campaigns, and international advocacy. She dreams of becoming a lawyer to fight environmental injustice through the courts.

Nina's key message to the world is "Stop export plastic waste to developing countries. Stand up for the future of our planet. Restore our river, free from microplastics. End the Plastic Era."

# 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.



## **Ekin Björnstedt | Secretary General Global Child Forum**

Ekin Ergün Björnstedt is the Secretary General of Global Child Forum, effective August 2024. Ekin joined Global Child Forum from Save the Children Sweden, where she was Chief Development Officer and Director of Funding, Partnerships and New Business Models. Her career includes impactful roles such as Head of External Relations at Stockholm University, Project Director of Sustainability at TeliaSonera, and she also served as Sweden's Trade Commissioner to Turkey. At Save the Children, she spearheaded innovative funding streams, demonstrating her adeptness in leading change management processes. She also holds an MBA from Stockholm University. She is Chairwoman of the Centre for Child Rights and Business and a Deputy Board Member of the Ethical Trade Initiative among other appointments.



## **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.



## **Nila Ibrahim | Winner of the International Children's Peace Prize 2024.**



# Today's program

- **Welcome by Mrs. Linda Nyberg**  
Master of Ceremony
- **Opening by Ekin Björstedt, Secretary General Global Child Forum, co-host 2025 Stockholm**
- **Ms. Nila Ibrahim**  
Winner of the 2024 International Children's Peace Prize
- **Mr. Divyansh Agrawal**  
Finalist 2025 - International Children's Peace Prize
- **Keynote by Her Royal Highness Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands**
- **Ms. Aeshnina Azzahra Aqilani**  
Finalist 2025 - International Children's Peace Prize
- **History of the International Children's Peace Prize**

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

- **Ms. Bana Alabed**  
Finalist 2025 - International Children's Peace Prize
- **Mr. Marc Dullaert**  
Chairman KidsRights Foundation and Founder of the 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 2025 to the winner**
- **Acceptance speech by the winner of the International Children's Peace Prize 2025**

**Musical closure**



# 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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## Special thanks



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### 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](http://www.nobelpeacesummit.com)

# KidsRights' core focus

## ADVOCACY



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 20 ICPP winners from 18 different countries, on 5 different continents.

They include Asia, Africa, Europe, North America and South America.

In 2024 over **3,8 billion** people were reached through media.

## 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 2025 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 2025, over **1,9 billion** people were reached with **320 articles** in **57 countries**.

## 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 (12-29). We equip them with toolkits and blended training, empowering them to be proactive agents of change.

At this moment there are a lot of activities in more than 70 countries.

# KidsRights' impact

## ADVOCACY



**2023:** Anastasiia Demchenko, Sofiia 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.

**2024:** Nila Ibrahim from Afghanistan won the ICPP 2024 for her fearless advocate for the rights of girls in Afghanistan. After winning the International Children's Peace Prize, Nila was selected as one of 17 United Nations Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) where she will continue amplifying her advocacy through HerStory.

## RESEARCH



**2024:** The 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**2025:** The 2025 KidsRights Index highlighted the deepening global mental health crisis among children and adolescents. This year's report draws attention to the harmful impact of the digital environment on young minds and the serious lack of comprehensive data on children's mental health worldwide, calling for coordinated international action to safeguard children's rights online. The findings of the KidsRights Index 2025 sparked debate among policymakers, governments, and parliaments globally, emphasizing that the digital age must enhance, not endanger, the wellbeing of the world's children.

## ACTION



**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 grassroot organisations in Georgia, Romania, India, and Pakistan.

**2025:** The State of Youth International platform grew to 526 chapters in more than 70 countries, with chapters almost doubling since 2024!

# KidsRights' future goals

## ADVOCACY



### The world's leading youth prize

- Expand the global reach by increasingly the number of countries represented and the total number of nominees, ensuring greater diversity and inclusivity in recognizing young changemakers worldwide.
- To reflect our global reach we have decided to hold the award ceremonies in divers capitols around the world.

## 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.
- 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

- *The State of Youth International:* Strengthen the central role of the State of Youth chapters, optimize and expand partnerships, and work with the new Youth Board to create positive impact.
- In 3 years time we like to be active with chapters in 194 countries.

# Do you want to support the winner's project fund?

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