

# The International Children's Peace Prize 2026



Guidance Booklet for nominating

## FAQ's - International Children's Peace Prize

### What is the International Children's Peace Prize?

The International Children's Peace Prize is awarded annually to a child, anywhere in the world, for their changemaking efforts and dedication towards children's rights. The International Children's Peace Prize is the world's most prestigious award that a young changemaker can receive in recognition of their ability to move the world.

### Who organizes the International Children's Peace Prize?

The KidsRights Foundation, an international organization based in the Netherlands, is the founder and organizer of the International Children's Peace Prize. KidsRights promotes the wellbeing of children across the world and advocates for the realization of their rights. KidsRights sees children as changemakers in this process. The International Children's Peace Prize is one of the key platforms that KidsRights facilitates.

### What is the link between the Nobel Peace Prize and the International Children's Peace Prize?

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### Who can be nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize?

- A child above 12 years and under 18 years of age, from anywhere in the world.
- The child must have a clear history of standing up and fighting for the rights of children.
- The child's changemaking efforts have led to a concrete positive result or impact on the rights of children, locally, nationally or globally.
- The child must have agreed to be nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize.
- A group of children can be nominated, but organizations cannot be nominated.

## Why should I nominate a young changemaker for the International Children's Peace Prize?

### The winner of the International Children's Peace Prize receives

- The Nkosi statuette presented during a globally celebrated and broadcasted ceremony.
- The Desmond Tutu Study and Care Fund to contribute to the winner's education.
- The International Children's Peace Prize Project Fund, out of which €50.000 is for the winner's project. KidsRights further invests €25.000 in projects of young changemakers related to the theme of the winner.
- A global platform to amplify the winner's message and increase the results of their changemaking.

### Top 3 finalists of the International Children's Peace Prize

- A professionally produced video showcasing their changemaking activities, created and shared by KidsRights.

### Top 30 nominees of the International Children's Peace Prize

- Top 30 nominees will benefit from global visibility as they will feature on our social media platforms.

### All eligible nominees of the International Children's Peace Prize

- An opportunity to be featured on the KidsRights website, providing greater visibility.
- A certificate from KidsRights Foundation.
- An opportunity to become a part of our global digital platform 'State of Youth' to connect with other young changemakers and receive guidance and financial support for changemaking projects.

## How can I nominate?

You can nominate a young changemaker (12-18 years) by submitting [this nomination form](#).

## When is the deadline to apply?

The nomination is open until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026, 17:00 CET. You can also see the nomination deadline [on our website](#).

## Can I nominate a child who was nominated previously?

Yes, you may nominate a child who was previously nominated.

## Can I nominate myself?

No, all nominations must be submitted by an adult with the consent of the nominated child.

### **I work with a group of interesting children. Can I nominate the whole group together?**

Yes, provided that every child in the group made a provable effort and co-initiated the activities that resulted in an exceptional difference for the rights of the child. Please ensure that every member in the group has contributed significantly to the changemaking actions/activities.

### **What is the role of the nominating organization/individual?**

The role of the nominator is as follows:

- Responsible for informing the child and receiving their consent for the nomination and providing the necessary information to KidsRights to complete the nomination.
- If shortlisted for the International Children's Peace Prize, the nominator also has the responsibility to guide and assist the child in dealing with (media) attention for their story.
- The nominator may also be required to help with the country visit by KidsRights and for the development of their life story.

### **How is the winner of the International Children's Peace Prize selected?**

Each year the International Children's Peace Prize winner is selected from nominations received from all over the world. An Expert Committee assesses the nominees' work and impact in the field of children's rights. The shortlisted nominees are reviewed and investigated by KidsRights. A local visit to a nominee may also be part of the review process. After all the reviews, the Expert Committee selects the winner of the International Children's Peace Prize.

### **Who is on the Expert Committee of the International Children's Peace Prize?**

The Expert Committee is comprised of 5 notable individuals with extensive experience in the field of children's rights. You can read more about the members of the Expert Committee [here](#).

## FAQ's - Nomination Form 2026

**Where can I find the Nomination Form for the International Children's Peace Prize 2025?**

Here is the link to the [Nomination Form 2026](#).

**Do I need to create an account to nominate?**

No. You can fill and submit the nomination form without registering or creating an account.

**Can I save my Nomination Form and continue later?**

Yes. You can save your answers and return to your nomination form later. *Remember to click save at the bottom of the page.* Please note that the saved forms do not count as submissions until they are completed and submitted.

**I have saved a Nomination Form through my email but did not receive my saved answers?**

It can take up to about 15 minutes for you to receive the saved answers. Please refresh your inbox and check all your folders (including spam/junk, updates, etc.) to make sure you do not miss the email.

**How long does it take to complete the Nomination Form?**

As per our estimation, it will take around 15 to 20 minutes to complete the nomination form once you have gathered all the required information.

Please refer to the end of this document for an overview of all the questions in the nomination form.

**Do I need to include a picture of the nominee in the Nomination Form?**

Yes. A picture of the nominee should be uploaded to submit the Nomination Form. Please ensure that the picture is of high quality and only the nominee is visible in it. In case of a group nomination, please ensure you upload one picture where all members of the group appear together.

### Can I edit my answers after submitting the Nomination Form?

Yes. Once you have submitted the nomination form, you will receive a record of your answers via email. If you notice any mistakes or if you want to provide updated information about the nominee, you can email us at [nominations@childrenspeaceprize.org](mailto:nominations@childrenspeaceprize.org) before the deadline. Please note that new information should still comply with the word limits for the respective questions.

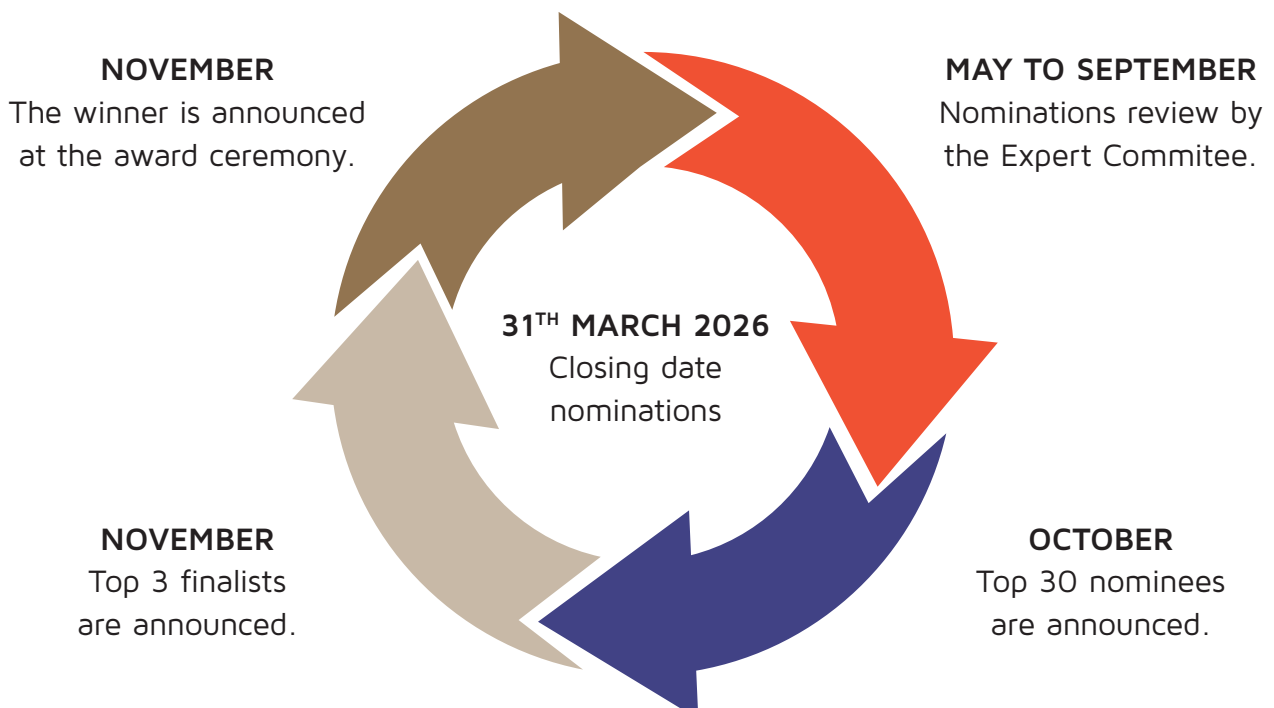
### Can I submit a nomination if I do not have access to stable internet?

Yes. In such exceptional situations, the nominator can contact our Team at [nominations@childrenspeaceprize.org](mailto:nominations@childrenspeaceprize.org) to submit the nomination via email or phone call at +31-202258225.

### Can I nominate more than one child?

Yes. You can nominate several children if you believe that they are carrying out exceptional actions/activities in the field of children's rights. Please use a new nomination form for every child if they are not part of the same group or network.

### What is the timeline of the International Children's Peace Prize?



# Sample Nomination Form

## International Children's Peace Prize 2026

### Details of the Nominated Child

- Number of children in the group \*
- Full Name of the child\*
- Address of the child \*
- Date of Birth of the Child \*
- Age of the Child \*
- Gender of the Child \*
- Nationality of the Child \*
- Country of Residence of the Child (If different) \*

### Details of the Nominator

- Full Name of the Nominator \*
- Nominator type (Organization/individual) \*
- Relation to the nominee \*
- Address of the nominating individual or organization \*
- Mobile phone number \*
- Email (this is the email we will contact if we need more information) \*
- How did you hear about the International Children's Peace Prize? \*
- What is the theme of the nominee's work? \*

### Background

- Describe the nominee's personal circumstances and their motivation for becoming active in the field of children's rights.\* *Maximum word count 150.*
- Describe how the nominee is being supported by parents, other adults or organizations. *Maximum word count 100.*

### Achievements of the nominee

- What are some concrete changemaking actions/activities that the nominee has undertaken to improve children's rights?\* *Maximum word count 300.*
- What are some concrete positive changes achieved through the nominee's actions/activities (e.g. improved access to health care/education/child protection services in a community)? Please describe in detail.\* Within the community, locally, regionally, globally. *Maximum word count 100.*
- Provide a glimpse of the awards, recognition and accolades received by the nominee, if any. *Maximum word count 100.*
- Select the number of people reached by the actions and activities of the nominee via digital platforms.\*
- Please include the social media handles used by the nominee to highlight their actions/activities.
- Select the number of people physically reached and impacted (offline/in-person) through the actions/activities of the nominee.\*
- Please explain through which actions/activities did the nominee achieve this reach? Describe in detail. *Maximum word count 200.*
- How does the nominee plan to increase their impact through their future actions/activities?\* *Maximum word count 200.*

### Additional information

- What is the nominee's key message to the world? (please provide a short original quote from the nominee in 1 sentence)\* *Maximum 30 words*
- Does the nominee have any experience with media exposure because of their actions?
- Are there any restrictions to be considered for the nominee when travelling abroad (e.g. refugee passport, travelling from countries facing internal or international conflicts, etc.)?

*Within this form the nominator will be required to submit a picture of the nominee and an authorization form.*



