

Participant list for the World's Children's Prize ceremony 2023

NOTE! For some children, we do not provide surnames to protect their privacy.

Child Rights Heroes receiving prizes/glass globes:

- Mohammed Rezwan
- Cindy Blackstock

Master of ceremonies

Kim Fusire, 18, Zimbabwe. In the WCP child jury, she represents children who have been empowered to stand up for children's rights, especially for equal rights for girls.

Child jury members accompanying Queen Silvia across the courtyard, into the castle, and onto the stage:

- Kwame, 16, Ghana. In the WCP child jury, he represents child laborers and children subjected to human trafficking and slavery. He was sold as a slave on a fishing boat on Lake Volta when he was five years old and was exploited in brutal slavery for three years.
- Bindu, 15, Nepal. In the WCP child jury, she represents children who have been trafficked and exploited for commercial sexual exploitation. She was taken from Nepal to India, where she was locked up in a brothel, but was rescued by police before she was abused.

Child musicians:

- The band Pseudo from Strängnäs with members Julian Almhager (guitar, vocals), Saga Andersen (guitar, vocals), Klara Frändberg (bass), Svante Nordenson (keyboard).
- Strängnäs Choir Avance
- Lilla Akademien

New patron, WCP Adult Friend, appointed during the ceremony:

Joan Bachoke, 25 years, D.R. Congo. He first participated in the WCP program at the age of 13 through the global teaching material Globem and learned about his rights. This led him to start his own children's rights organization at 16 and personally conduct the WCP program with vulnerable children. Since then, Bachoke has studied human rights in Uganda and the UK, and in the summer of 2023, participated in a training program for young African leaders in the USA with a scholarship from the American government.

Other WCP child jury members participating:

The child jurors lead the ceremony and have various duties.

- Alcina, 16, Mozambique. Represents girls who have been, or are at risk of, forced into child marriages and being forced to leave school.
- Anastasiia, 12, Ukraine. Represents children who have experienced war and flight. Anastasiia gives flowers to Queen Silvia at the end of the ceremony.
- Dario, 17, Romania. Represents children who grow up in orphanages and are discriminated against due to poverty and/or because, like Dario, they belong to the Roma group or another minority.



- E, 14, DR Congo. Represents children who are forced to become soldiers and children living in armed conflicts (name not disclosed due to safety concerns).
- Omar, 18, Palestine. Represents children growing up under occupation and who seek dialogue for peace.
- Rizwan, 14, Pakistan. Represents children whose rights are violated due to climate change and other environmental degradation.
- Zohar, 16. Represents children growing up in conflict areas and seeking dialogue for peace.

