

THE WORLD'S CHILDREN'S PRIZE CEREMONY 2022



GRIPSHOLM CASTLE | MARIEFRED
23 MAY

Hosts of the ceremony and members of the World's Children's Prize Child Jury:

Sesethu Ntikinca, South Africa
Dario-Valentin Micu, Romania
Omar Hamad, Palestine
Taree Webb-Mayfield, USA
Alcina Mucavele, Mozambique
Norie Anne Ramirez, The Philippines
Shamoon Mansha, Pakistan
Neeta Bagdas, Nepal
Shai Lev, Israel
Jhonn Malis Gomes, Brazil
Kimberley Fusire, Zimbabwe
Milad Rajab, Sweden
Ananthi Ramalingam, India

AWARD CEREMONY

4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Master of ceremony

Kimberley Fusire, 17 years old, from Zimbabwe

HER MAJESTY QUEEN SILVIA OF SWEDEN
will present

THE WORLD'S CHILDREN'S PRIZE
FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
and
THE WORLD'S CHILDREN'S HONORARY AWARD

THE CHILD RIGHTS HEROES ARE



MURHABAZI NAMEGABE

for his fight for child soldiers, sex slaves and other vulnerable children in wartorn DR Congo.



ANNA MOLLEL

for her fight for differently abled Maasai children and other children living in poverty in rural Tanzania.



JAMES KOFI ANNAN

for his fight to combat child slavery in the fishing industry on Lake Volta in Ghana.



MALALA YOUSAFZAI

for her fight for girls' right to education and a life of freedom, in Pakistan and all over the world.



PHYMEAN NOUN

for her fight for children living on Cambodia's rubbish tips, and their right to an education.



MANUEL RODRIGUES

for his fight for blind children and other differently abled children in Guinea-Bissau.



RACHEL LLOYD

for her campaign to tackle the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the US.



ASHOK DYALCHAND

for his fight against child marriage and for equal rights for girls India.

AWARD DINNER

6:45 PM–9:00 PM

The Award Dinner will be served at Gripsholms Vårdshus,
situated opposite the Gripsholm Castle.

PERFORMERS

The South African Group

The singer, Yanga Sobetwa, is a previous winner of South Africa Idols. The other band members are: Curtley Cerfontein (keyboard), Carla Williams (drums), Keathan Jurams (base), Simthandile Sonamzi (dance) and Thato Nomungeka (dance).

Lilla Akademien • Sweden

Lilla Akademien (The Junior Academy) is a school specialising in classical music. It has become one of the most significant and influential institutions in Scandinavia for the education of young musicians.

The musicians are: String Quartet: Eszter Elias (violin), Agnes Sjölund (violin), Sara Lennartsson (viola) and Alkinoos Mavromichalis (cello). The Trio (*London Trio by Haydn*): Fabian Broman Crawford-Phillips (cello), Mark Bank (violin) and Medea Scalamonti Marsh (flute).

Solocello (*Prelude from Bach's D minor suit*): Vivian Chang-Qu (cello).

Duo (*Passacaglia by Händel*): Jack Bank (violin) and Julia Glaser (cello). Trumpet sextet: Alicia Isaksson-Styrlander, Markus Sköld, Cornelia Kurbany, Adrian Grosse, August Öhman and Stella Thorslund.

The Choir is from Adolf Fredrik's Music classes, Farsta grundskola • Sweden

The singers are: Sara Hollander, Elin Andrén, Lily Ullé, Lykke Sävenstrand, Juliet Lundberg, Agnes Carlsson, Elvira Karlstedt, Hilda Lane, Isabella Wramsby, Sonja Agaeus, Pia Djerf Strengbohm, David Leck, Ingrid Grufman, Elsa Cederberg, Astrid Isacson and Elna Eidsmo.





At last, 12-year-old Child Rights Ambassador Esther in Nigeria can take off her face mask, made from a WCP flag. Her school, as most schools participating in the WCP Program, has been closed down several times during the pandemic. Behind her children taking part in the Toi Moi Mêmes Droit (You Me Equal Rights) project in Benin and the WCP Program in Zimbabwe call for the respect of girls rights.

Empowering changemakers for equality, rights and democracy

Since the year 2000, the annual World's Children's Prize Program has educated and empowered 45,7 million children as humane change-makers standing up for the equal value of all people, children's (and human) rights, democracy and sustainable development.

How does it work?

Each year, three outstanding Child Rights Heroes are selected as nominees for the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child by the members of the WCP Child Jury. Children then study the WCP educational instruction material The Globe, the website, video footage and social media, in up to 13 languages. They experience other children's everyday lives, and how the Child Rights Heroes fight for these children's rights. They learn about and discuss the rights of the child – with focus on girls' equal rights, Global Goals and democracy. Once they have been empowered to become change-makers themselves, they have confidence to make their voices heard and stand up for respect for their rights, democracy and sustainable development. Some of the children are trained as Child Rights Ambassador, as well as teachers and local leaders.

Concludes with a Global Vote

The program concludes with a unique Global Vote in which only children – 10–18 years old – may participate. In many countries students

organise their own voting day, with all the features of a democratic election, and vote for their Child Rights Heroes. The largest number of voting children in any one year has been 7.1 million. The Child Rights Hero who receives the most votes receives the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child, while the other two Child Rights Heroes receive the World's Children's Honorary Award. This year the voting children elect the Decade Child Rights Hero amongst the previous laureates. Since the year 2000 there have been more than 50 prize laureates and through their organisations, the prize money has improved the lives of thousands of the world's most vulnerable children.

Reaching the most vulnerable children

The WCP Program is open to all children and schools, but the majority of those reached are children in fragile states where violations of the rights of the child are common. Through the program they discover for the first time that they have rights and can make their voices heard. They include former street children, girls who have been victims of trafficking, former child soldiers and debt slaves. Through the WCP program they gain faith in the future and a voice. Media attention raises awareness of children's situations and puts pressure on decision makers.

Widespread support all over the world

Volunteers and organisations help to implement the WCP program every year, including tens of thousands of teachers. So far 74 786 schools in 120 countries have signed up as Global Friend Schools supporting the WCP.

Unique Child Jury

Every year, the World's Children's Prize receives nominations of child rights champions from all over the world. The three final prize candidates are selected by the World's Children's Prize International Child Jury, which consists of children from some 15 countries who are experts on the rights of the child through their own life experiences as, for example, child soldiers, debt slaves, homeless, trafficked and child rights activists.

We are behind the World's Children's Prize

The WCP program is run by Swedish non-profit the World's Children's Prize Foundation (WCPF). The WCPF receives funding from bodies including the Swedish Postcode Lottery, ForumCiv/Sida (the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency), H.M. Queen Silvia's Care About the Children Foundation, the Survé Family Foundation, Kronprinsessan Margaretas Minnesfond and Sparbanksstiftelsen Rekarne. The WCPF has a 90 account, monitored by Svensk Insamlingskontroll, and follows the Giva Code.



World's Children's Prize patrons Malala Yousafzai and the former Prime Minister of Sweden, Stefan Löfven.

Our patrons

The patrons of the World's Children's Prize include global greats and six Nobel Prize laureates. They include the late Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu, Malala Yousafzai, Xanana Gusmão, José Ramos Horta, Graça Machel and the former Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Löfven. HRM Queen Silvia was the first Honorary Adult Friend and patron of the World's Children's Prize.

Malala and Mandela are unique

Malala Yousafzai is the only person who has received the millions of voting children's World's Children's Prize (WCP) and the Nobel Peace Prize in the same year. She was elected a nominee by the WCP International Child Jury before she in 2014 also became a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. The only other person who has received both awards, but not in the same year, is Nelson Mandela. He was also, together with Graça Machel, awarded as the first WCP Decade Child Rights Hero.

Malala and the late Nelson Mandela are also supporting the World's Children's Prize as patrons.



Photo: Torbjørn Selander

The late legendary Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu from South Africa.



H.M. Queen Silvia of Sweden presents the children's Decade Child Rights Heroes Award to Graça Machel and Nelson Mandela in 2010.

H.M. Queen Silvia

"It is an extremely important ceremony, carried out with so much respect for children's rights. I would say it is like a children's Nobel Prize ceremony. I believe that this organisation is extremely important. This organisation seeks to raise awareness of the rights of the child, and that is a massive and vital task. And I must say that they do an outstanding job!"

Graça Machel

"The World's Children's Prize is really a good lesson. It takes the rights of children not only to where they often are being fulfilled, but even to situations of conflict and of deprivation. It reminds us, and the children in such situations, that they have rights, and that they have to demand the fulfilment of their rights. The prize is a wonderful experience. It is for the sake of the children and also to touch the consciousness of all of us not to rest until we can say: We did it!"

Nelson Mandela

"You have our support whether we are alive or in the grave."



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Producer: Magnus Bergmar

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Gripsholm Castle

Gripsholm Castle was named after Bo Jonsson Grip, a leading figure in medieval Sweden. The foundation for the current castle was laid in 1537 by the Swedish king Gustav Vasa. It was originally intended as a combined fortress and residence, although the defensive function was later phased out. Gripsholm remained a royal residence until the mid-19th century.



The Throne Room

(*Rikssalen*)

The Throne Room, where the World's Children's Prize Award ceremony takes place, is the biggest room in the castle and was probably completed during the 1590s. The portraits that we see here today of Gustav Vasa and contemporary European rulers are copies made in 1667.



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