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Malala Yousafzai wins Nobel Peace Prize 14th October, 2014

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The 17-year-old girls' rights activist Malala Yousafzai has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 2014. She was one of two Nobel laureates to be declared winners this year. The other is Kailash Satyarthi, who campaigns for children's rights. Malala was given the accolade exactly two years and a day after a Taliban gunman shot her in the head on her school bus. Following her recovery in a British hospital, Malala has toured the world speaking up for the rights for girls to receive an education. She once told reporters that going to school, "is like walking through a magic door to your dreams". Malala becomes the youngest ever recipient of the prize and the second Pakistani to scoop the award*.

The Nobel Committee said Ms Yousafzai and Mr Satyarthi won the prize, "for their struggle against the suppression of children and young people, and for the right of all children to education." Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif congratulated Malala, calling her the "pride of Pakistan". He said: "She has made her countrymen proud. Her achievement is unparalleled and unequalled." He urged all children to follow her lead. Mr Satyarthi told Al Jazeera that his award was for the, "many voices of children who are victims of servitude...across the world". He added: "The Nobel Committee regards it as an important point for a Hindu and a Muslim, an Indian and a Pakistani, to join in a common struggle for education."

* Correction: Pakistani Abdus Salam won the 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics, not the Peace Prize.

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