

Malala Yousafzai (1997 - present)

At the early age of 11, Malala had already entered the public spotlight by writing a blog for the BBC about what life was like living in Pakistan under Taliban rule. Because of this blog and because of her father's efforts to provide accessible education to both boys *and* girls, Malala's family had already received several death threats when, in 2012, a member of the Taliban boarded her school bus and shot her three times. She was taken to a hospital in England where she could recover and she hasn't been able to return home since. She has, however, continued to campaign tirelessly for everyone's right to an education, and, in 2014 at the age of 17, she became the youngest person ever to receive a Nobel Prize.

