

# Malala Yousafzai



Malala Yousafzai is a 15 year old Pakistani school pupil and the youngest nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize in history.

She is known for her education and women's rights activism in the Swat Valley, where the Taliban had banned girls from attending school. In early 2009, at the age of 11, Yousafzai wrote a blog under a false name for the BBC, detailing her life under Taliban rule, their attempts to take control of the valley, and her views on promoting education for girls.

On 9 October 2012, Yousafzai was shot in the head in an assassination attempt by Taliban gunmen while returning home on a school bus. She survived this attack and continues to campaign for the right for education for girls all over the world.