

Persuasive Speech

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An individual is considered as persuasive where their words or actions trigger positive emotions and deeds in others. In this year, the most persuasive personality for me was Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani teenager aged 18. She rose to prominence from a tender age and in 2015 was declared the co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. This was after winning numerous global awards and even being granted honorary degrees by various institutions for her efforts in promoting female education. The youngest ever Nobel Prize Laureate has traversed the globe in her quest to promote female education. She hails from the Swat Valley in North West Pakistan an area where the Taliban have banned girls from attending schools. While aged only 15 years, she survived three gunshot wounds from Taliban, who had taken notice of her advocacy activities. Currently in addition to her girl-child education promotion activities, she advocated for the rights of women and children.

During her acceptance of the Nobel Prize, Ms Malala Yousafzai used very simple words to re-impose her quest for the educational rights of children. The infamous quote “let this end with us” was the hallmark of her speech whose themes were the continued struggle against child oppression and safeguarding the adequate childhood education. She urged the globe to ensure disastrous and avoidable scenarios like children dead in wars, empty classrooms and the criminalization of young girl’s education should – “end now”. Ms Malala questioned why adults who ought to be knowledgeable about what children need, acted ignorantly. She further asked why giving books was so difficult, but giving guns was so easy. To ensure that her message was well received, she brought the bloodied school uniform she had worn on the day the Taliban gunman shot her. All in Malala’s underlying message in the speech was that adults should be the

pioneers of ending all the troubles that continue to disrupt children's educational activities globally.