



## Helping children work for change

Patricia Parker's charity has inspired young people.

On 8 March, a charity called Kids for Kids will be marking its 25th anniversary. It was set up by Patricia Parker to improve the lives of children living in Darfur, Sudan. Parker, who is 78, is now stepping down as head of the charity. She told *The Week Junior* that no one is too young, or too old, to make a change.

Parker started Kids for Kids in 2001 after a trip to Darfur. She met a nine-year-old boy called Ibrahim who was on a seven-hour walk to get water for his family. After she met his mother and realised the tough conditions that children in their village were living in, Parker wanted to help. Since then, the charity has supported more than 600,000 people

in more than 100 villages by installing water pumps, providing goats to families so they have access to milk, and setting up kindergartens where children can get an education. Today, Ibrahim works as a farmer and has four children of his own. Parker says his story illustrates the importance of what Kids for Kids does.

When she started the charity, Parker knew she was helping children in Sudan but she never considered her work would have an impact on children elsewhere. Lots of children around the world have found ways to help the charity, including children giving away their tooth fairy money. She says, "Children can make a real difference."

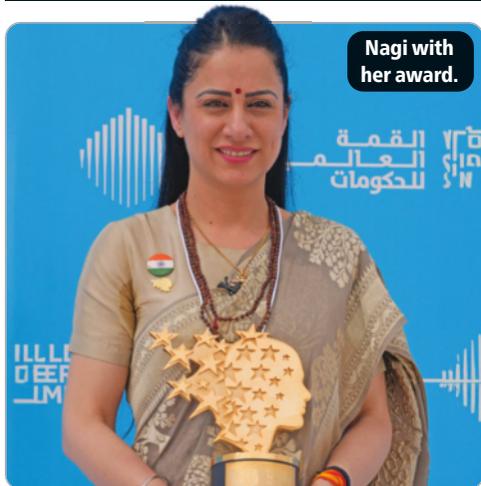


Children in Sudan.



Patricia Parker

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Sudan is the third largest country in Africa, and the region of Darfur is the size of Spain.



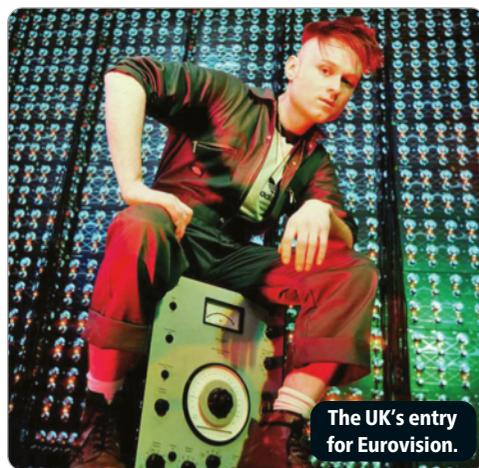
Nagi with her award.

## A teacher on a mission

A teacher has been given an award for promoting learning and helping children in India get an education. Rouble Nagi won the Global Teacher Prize and £740,000 in prize money for the work she does through her Rouble Nagi Art Foundation. It has set up more than 800 learning centres for children who have never been to school before. Her organisation also paints colourful artwork on the walls of poor city communities, celebrating topics like science and the environment, to encourage more people to want to learn. "Learning can happen anywhere. You just have to make it interesting," Nagi told the BBC.

## Electronic Eurovision act

Already a star on YouTube, electronic music artist Look Mum No Computer has been announced as the UK's entry for this year's Eurovision Song Contest. The 37-year-old musician, whose real name is Sam Battle, was the lead singer of a band called Zibra before going solo. He now has 1.4 million followers on social media and is known for building unusual electronic instruments, including organs made from Furby toys and one that shoots out flames. "I will be bringing every ounce of my creativity to my performances and I can't wait for everyone to hear and see what we've created," he said.



The UK's entry for Eurovision.

## “” THEY SAID IT!



**“If it puts a smile on people's faces, then I'm fine with that.”**

Mark Callan from Scotland worked at the Winter Olympics this year "pebbling" the curling rink (curling is a sport played on ice). This meant he shuffled backwards on the ice, sprinkling it with water to make it perfect for play. Callan's smooth moves made him popular on social media.