



# GIRLS FOR

**Malala isn't the only teenager with big ideas for change. Meet these fantastic girls from around the world.**

## **CYCLING FOR FREEDOM**

Most girls in Afghanistan can't choose their own husbands. They can't wear short skirts or drive cars. And bikes are only for boys. But a group of Afghan women want to change that. They are in the first Afghan Women's Cycling Team. Men often shout angrily when they see them on a bike. But when women see them, some want to cycle too. The team thinks that cycling can bring other changes for women in their country.

The Afghan Women's Cycling Team near Kabul



## **A RUBBISH IDEA**

Azza Abdel Hamid Faiad is from Alexandria, Cairo. There's a lot of plastic rubbish in her city. It's a big problem. But when she was sixteen, Azza found a way to make biofuel from this old plastic. 'It's safe and it's cheap,' she said. 'And with all the plastic rubbish from Egypt in one year, we can make \$78 million of biofuel.' People are hoping to use Azza's biofuel in cars very soon.



Azza Faiad

# CHANGE

## **CHANGE IN GUATEMALA**

When Emelin Cabrera and Elba Velasquez talked about their schoolwork, the boys always laughed. 'Why do you come to school? Girls are only useful when they have children!' Emelin and Elba wanted a better life for the girls in their town in Guatemala. They wrote a report about the small number of girls in school and the high number of teenage mothers. Now girls in the town can see a doctor more easily. And more girls can have a good education.



Emelin and Elba

**What changes do you want for your country or the world? How can you help to make those changes?**

**What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.**

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