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Words in the News

Fighting child marriage



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Transcript

Hadiqa Bashir is a 14 year old with **a cause** – she wants to end child marriage in her community.

After school, she goes to other **neighbourhoods** in Pakistan's north-western Swat valley **to raise awareness**.

Such marriages are considered **the norm** for keeping land in the family or **settling** disputes.

It could take a long time for customs to change, but Hadiqa hopes that at least some of the girls can have a better future.

Vocabulary

a cause

a principle people believe in and fight for

neighbourhoods

adjoined areas

to raise awareness

to make people know more about something

the norm

a behaviour considered acceptable in a situation

settling

resolving a dispute with a compromise

Watch this video online: Fighting child marriage

<http://bbc.in/1A18dE7>

Exercise

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from news reports.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

a cause / neighbourhoods / to raise awareness / the norm / settling

1. Cycling and walking should be _____ for all short journeys, experts say, to lower the risk of ill health.
2. Julianne Moore has said the most rewarding part of her role in Still Alice has been helping _____ about Alzheimer's.
3. Five companies have now registered claims for damages against the ECJ because of the delays in _____ cases.

They include businesses in the Netherlands and France found guilty and fined for running cartels. If successful, compensation payouts could total £20m.

4. Mud, rocks and tree trunks destroyed many houses in poor _____ close to the river.

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5. The survey of 2,094 adults, conducted by YouGov, also found that 94% of adults felt that biodiversity conservation was important, yet only 15% actively helped _____.

Answers

1. Cycling and walking should be **the norm** for all short journeys, experts say, to lower the risk of ill health.

Source: Cycling and walking 'must be norm' for short journeys

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-20522822>

2. Julianne Moore has said the most rewarding part of her role in Still Alice has been helping **to raise awareness** about Alzheimer's.

Source: Moore says Alzheimer's role helps raise awareness

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-31146513>

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Source: European Court of Justice is sued itself over delays

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-32631029>

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Source: Colombia landslide kills dozens in Antioquia province

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-32785201>

5. The survey of 2,094 adults, conducted by YouGov, also found that 94% of adults felt that biodiversity conservation was important, yet only 15% actively helped **a cause**.

Source: Zoo 'to create a generation of online conservationists'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-13908846>