

2017 ROLL OF HONOUR

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THE DIANA AWARD

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A Diana Award Holder upholds the values that Princess Diana governed her life by: compassion, kindness, and service.

The young role models from around the world are honoured with this award for selflessly transforming the lives of others.

They are going above and beyond in their daily lives to create and sustain positive change.

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EAST MIDLANDS_

JOSHUA ADAMS*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE YOUNG CARERS AGE 18 NORTHAMPTON EAST MIDLANDS

Since the age of 13, Joshua has acted as a full-time carer for his mother who has a complex mental health disorder, as well as his two younger siblings. He is patient, supportive, and determined to provide happiness and stability to his family. He even learned to drive early in order to take his family members to medical appointments, events, clubs, school, and to do the shopping. Joshua balances that difficult schedule at home with achieving his goals at school, where he is an exceptional and enthusiastic student, currently studying for three A-Levels. On top of his full-time caring responsibilities and studies, Joshua also works part-time to support the family, as well as acting as a mentor to other young carers going through similar situations.

CHLOE TEAR

CP TEENS UK_AGE 18_WALTON_EAST MIDLANDS

Chloe is a role model and pillar of support to other young people living with a disability, whose determination and incredibly positive attitude towards life is an inspiration to all around her. She is Head Ambassador for Cerebral Palsy Teens UK, managing the activities of the Ambassador team and contributing to the organisation's social media support service; offering guidance to other young people with Cerebral Palsy online. Chloe has recently started a degree at Leeds Trinity University and her blog 'Life as a Cerebral Palsy Student' is an inspiration to both able-bodied and disabled young people alike.

COURTNIE WATTS

R.E.A.L EDUCATION LTD AGE 15 MANSFIELD EAST MIDLANDS

Courtnie attends REAL Education, an alternative education provider. She acts as a mentor to her peers, sharing her own story of how she lacked trust in others and herself, and lost learning time fighting the system. She is able to showcase to other new learners that they 'can' achieve and do well, motivating them to believe in themselves. Courtnie has been appointed the role of Ambassador for REAL Education Ltd as she is able to carry the learner voice to other learners, teaching and support staff, commissioners and professionals. She impacts greatly, using her motivational talks to remind staff of the great work they do with fantastic outcomes that turn around the lives of REAL young people.

ZISHI ZHANG

THE LINCS TO INDIA COMMITTEE (AFFILIATED WITH STAMFORD ENDOWED SCHOOLS) AGE 18_STAMFORD_EAST MIDLANDS

Zishi has been actively involved in campaigning and charitable activities at all levels; regional, national and international. He has helped causes such as Lincs to India, British Youth Council, UK Youth Parliament, UK Youth Employment and the One Campaign. His activism provides opportunities for more than 10,000 young people to have their voiced heard. During the 'Make Your Mark Campaign' he raised over £5,000 for two schools in India, which he helped to establish as partner schools. Throughout his journey, Zishi has put in tremendous efforts in both countries and his recognition is well deserved.

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

SPRINGWELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE_AGES 13-16 STAVELY_EAST MIDLANDS

The Springwell Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have worked tirelessly to raise awareness and deliver their campaign #promiseofhope within their college and the local community. Using the power of creativity, they have challenged perceptions surrounding diversity to embrace differences and break down barriers, partially those related to LGBT. To list just a few of their achievements, they have conducted flash mobs, spoken on BBC Radio Sheffield, promoted safety online and encouraged peer mentoring activities to develop confidence and self-esteem. Reaching over 1000 students across Chesterfield with their anti-bullying awareness, this student led team really have made a positive difference to the lives of young people.

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EASTERN_

WILLIAM BAIRD

NEW HALL SCHOOL AGE 17 CHELMSFORD EASTERN

William is a champion volunteer, fundraiser and campaigner in his community. For four years, he has been an important and reliable member of his school's Voluntary Service unit (NHVS), hosting and conversing with elderly visitors to the school who come for lunch each week, and in Year 12 led a team of volunteers to do the same. He also spends his holiday time helping underprivileged local children. William has also organised many charity events including a Colour Run which raised over £2000 and involved over 800 staff and students. As Head Boy he is an inspirational role model to the younger student and his peers.

KIAN CULHAM

TABOR ACADEMY_ AGE 15_BRAINTREE_EASTERN

Kian has combined his love and knowledge for sports with his passion for volunteering by coaching younger students in his spare time, both in school and at his local athletics club. He has become a track and field official, helps out at school open days and is a scouting Young Leader. He actively uses events such as Sports day to energise and encourage others around him to participate. Kian's outstanding contribution recently led him to win Young Community Volunteer at the 2016 Active Braintree Sports Awards and runner-up in the Young Volunteer of the Year at the Active Essex Sports Award.

EDWARD FEDDON

CECIL JONES ACADEMY_AGE 18_ SOUTHEND-ON-SEA_EASTERN

Edward is dedicated to making the world a better place and affects great social change throughout his community; taking on positions of leadership at his school and inspiring other young people to become the architects of change for the future. At school he has held the position of Head Boy for two years where he has exceeded all expectations of his role and is President of Youth Voice. Edward is Chancellor of Southend Youth Council and has been elected Deputy Youth Mayor and, subsequently, Youth Mayor for Southend-on-Sea. He is also a great supporter of the Alzheimer's Society and encourages young people to become dementia aware.

ALEXANDER MATTHEWS

NEW HALL VOLUNTARY SERVICE_AGE 18_CHELMSFORD_EASTERN

Alexander has given up an incredible (almost immeasurable) number of hours volunteering over the course of six years for the New Hall Voluntary Service. He is unquestionably enthusiastic about Wilderness and has campaigned to get more students to volunteer their time, and has transformed the Wilderness group into a popular and thriving division of NHVS which helps maintain an allotment for the disadvantaged and disabled in the community and tend to areas around the school site. He is undoubtedly a unique young man who possesses a kind, considerate and caring nature but balances this beautifully with contagious enthusiasm, motivating his peers and galvanizing them into action.

ASHA PARKINSON*

THE PURCELL SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS _AGE 17_ HERTFORDSHIRE_EASTERN

Asha is a talented musician and change-maker committed to using the positive power of music and words to break down cultural and religious barriers across the world. After being deeply moved by the crisis in Syria, Asha single-handedly conceived Voices Beyond Divisions, a unique music project aimed at bringing together children from different cultural backgrounds, to sing for peace and in the process promote the values of tolerance and respect at the heart of all religious teachings. Asha has raised over £10,000 by crowdfunding for a sold-out concert held at St James's Church in London this past January. The concert saw a choir made up of children from local schools performing Asha's own piece, What War, which features literal quotes from the Koran, the Talmud and the Bible.

SCARLETT PERRIN

NOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND BRAINTREE SIXTH FORM_AGE 17_BRAINTREE_EASTERN

Scarlett is a role model for staff and students alike at her school whether it is through her charity work for the Teenage Cancer Trust, in her roles as Head Girl and Student Governor or as a part of student council. She is also an excellent advocate for action equality and helps to raise awareness of mental health concerns in the school community. Inspired by a close friend who became ill in year ten, Scarlett has helped to organize two quiz nights for the Teenage Cancer Trust, and has helping to raise over £8000 for this worthy cause.

FRIENDLY FACES

AYLSHAM HIGH SCHOOL_ AGED 15-16 AYLSHAM EASTERN

The Friendly Faces are passionate about their role in stamping out bullying ensuring that a welcoming and happy environment is created for the entire school community. The group lead and develop all of the anti-bullying activities carried out by the school, including the facilitation of a drop-in service for students to discuss and resolve issues and playground patrols during break times throughout the week. The Friendly Faces are fantastic role models to their younger peers, visiting Year 6 pupils to aid the transition to secondary school and supporting Year 7 pupils through their induction, PSHE and school social events.

THE ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

ABACUS PRIMARY SCHOOL_ AGED 9-11 WICKFORD_EASTERN

The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are dedicated to ensuring that their peers feel confident at school and are aware of how to identify and tackle bullying when it occurs. The group give up their own time to develop and lead antibullying events and activities that involve the entire school community throughout the year and have consequently been of great support to the school's pastoral staff. The Ambassadors' work has maintained good reports from Ofsted related to bullying and safety at the school and the group are seen as inspiring role models and ambassadors of positive behaviour by their peers.

THE ANTI-BULLYING CLUB

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL_AGED 9-11 LUTON_EASTERN

The ABC (Anti-Bullying Club) play a vital role in the safety and happiness of the students at their school. The group work tirelessly every day to raise awareness of bullying issues, identify and implement strategies to combat bullying and promote their ethos of respect, acceptance and appreciation that we are all unique. The group identify potential bullying issues in the school and plan actions for individual children, year groups and the school as a whole. The ABC are a creative group who constantly update their activities and bring a level of commitment and passion to their role that has inspired and engaged their entire school community.

ROLL OF HONOUR

INTERNATIONAL_

JAYLEN ARNOLD*

JAYLEN'S CHALLENGE FOUNDATION, INC._USA_AGE 16 FLORIDA USA

Aged 9, Jaylen decided to make a bold stand after being bullied for having Tourette syndrome and autism. Armed with his motto 'Bullying No Way!', he set out to change the world one person at a time by spreading acceptance of who we are, advocating that the 'more we understand each other, the more we will love the differences we have and the similarities we share'. Over the past 10 years Jaylen has spoken to over 185,000 students across 20 states, sharing his experiences of bullying and encouraging his peers to practice tolerance, encourage self-worth and speak out. Jaylen has been credited with reaching the most troubled students, with many confiding in him about their own personal struggles, acknowledging them, and for the first time – realizing they have the power to enact change within themselves.

ANNIE BLUMENFELD

AUTHOR G. A. WHITMORE - THE RESCUE DOG TALES)_AGE 18 MANCHESTER_USA

Annie's family adopted a dog from a shelter in March 2012, and learned shortly after that he had heartworm disease. Consequently she established Wags 4 Hope; a non-profit organisation with the mission to raise funds and awareness of the disease and its dangers. Annie has successfully petitioned for a bill to be passed through Connecticut legislature and now anyone applying for a dog license in the state will be made aware of the importance of heartworm prevention. Combining her passion for painting and Wags 4 Hope she has also created and sold over 300 commission dog portraits to their owners to support the charity's mission.

SAEED BOWMAN

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES PRESERVATION FUND_AGE0 16 KINGSTOWN_ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Saeed has been changing the lives of others through music by using his talent as a steel pan player to support worthy causes and bring hope to the disadvantaged. Aged 9, his musical ability placed him on the largest stage of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines annual carnival festival. He was the first young Vincentian to stand out and gain fame as an exceptionally talented pan player. Using his music, Saeed has worked hard to volunteer and fundraise, especially for children's charities to encourage young people to choose music over crime.

MUSKAAN AHIRWAR

ELIXIR FOUNDATION AGE 10 AHMEDABAD GUJARAT INDIA

Muskaan, a ten-year-old girl from a deprived area in India, has been educating and empowering children who live in the slums for the past three years. She started an open library which currently holds around 200 books in order to educate underprivileged children, where she dedicates at least two hours to teach and read books aloud every day after school. Muskaan's passion and ambition have inspired her community and people all around the world resulting in her library benefiting from a global range of donors. Her idea has inspired other school students and consequently nine such libraries have opened in Bhopal.

HANNAH ALPER

WE_AGE 14_TORONTO_CANADA

Hannah is an eco-warrior, a social media acvitivist and a motivational speaker, but most of all, she is a young person who cares about helping the world. She is a believer in the philosophy that small actions by any one individual can make a big difference. At the age of 9, she launched her blog, 'Call me Hannah' engaging with issues such as bullying, clean water, human rights and education. She is currently writing a book due to be published later this year. With a social media following of over 50 thousand, Hannah has big ambitions for the future.

NIKITA

THE INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL_AGE 16_DUBAI_UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Instead of dedicating herself to one specific cause, Nikita has worked incredibly hard to drive social change for all in an environmentally sustainable way. Volunteering for charitable causes in and out of school while encouraging others to do the same, Nikita's charitable work has supported those in Dubai and Spain. Nikita has created ecofriendly candles, has supported the Al Noor Training Centre for Children With Special Needs, Rashid Pediatric Therapy Centre, Dubai Autism Centre, Eduscan Academic and Training Centre in Dubai and Cottolengo Del Padre Alegre in Valencia. A great role model, Nikita's contribution has helped to put a smile on so many people's faces.

AMELIA BROOK

GIRL GUIDES MOSS VALE UNIT_AGE 14 MOSS VALE_AUSTRALIA

Fundraising is Amelia's great joy, as it enables others to benefit from her efforts whilst empowering her to emerge as a dedicated and honoured young lady. She has raised \$1130 for The Butterfly Foundation which supports people with eating disorders and body image issues, over \$800 for Ronald McDonald house to which she has a personal affiliation with, as her cousin was admitted to Ronald McDonald house with leukaemia and \$3500 over three years for the a Salvation Army initiative "Red Shield Appeal Doorknock". Amelia has also been a huge part of preparing & compiling hygiene bags for homeless & abused women in the Southern Highlands. To date over 250 hygiene bags have been delivered to women in need.

NEOLA CASTELINO

STUDENTS FOR THE EARTH_AGE 12 SHARJAH UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

At only 12 years old, Neola has been one of the most active members in campaigning to save her community in Dubai. With her passion for the environment, she regularly writes to leading newspapers to promote environmental values alongside her own contributions through collecting paper, aluminium cans and mobile phones from her neighbours, recycling them once a month. Neola has been part of numerous campaigns including the "no plastic bags" campaign and has even encouraged young students to make art work out of recyclables. Her survey to encourage paper recycling has already reached 80 families and 45 small offices.

KIMBERLY

ENERGY FOR LIFE PROGRAM_AGE 15 BELMOPAN_BELIZE

Despite the financial hardship in her family and her father's mental illness, Kimberly has used the challenges in her life as inspiration rather than obstacles. As a scholar of the Energy for Life Program, she realized that people who lived in difficult situations could become rising stars if they received mentoring and support from non-profit organizations. That motivated her to start a youth magazine in which, together with her team, she publishes inspirational youth stories, volunteering and training opportunities and tips for tutoring. On her own, Kimberly raised over a thousand dollars for ads in the youth magazine. With Hand in Hand Ministries, she also helps with building houses for needy families and sells raffle tickets at tea party fundraisers.

ATHINA DASKALA

ANETOPOULOU-HUTTON LANGUAGE SCHOOLS_AGE 16 # VOLOS_GREECE

Athina is a hardworking student and a dedicated volunteer at the Ipotis Riding Club where she provides vital support to the organisation's therapeutic riding programme for disabled people every weekend. At school Athina is committed to charitable initiatives; getting involved in food drives and fundraising for both the local orphanage and animal shelter. Athina's involvement in the riding club has fostered a deep passion for helping others and she plans to become a special needs teacher following her university studies in Greece.

FAITH DICKINSON*

STRUTT CENTRAL_AGE 14 TORONTO_CANADA_

At just nine years old, Faith launched the charity Cuddles for Cancer after her aunt was diagnosed with breast cancer. During her treatment, Faith's aunt told her how she got very cold, so Faith made her a fleece blanket to provide comfort, warmth and love. To date Faith has made over 3000 blankets, which have been sent across Canada, the United States, UK, Germany, Brazil, Australia, France and Africa. She has raised over \$30,000 to ensure that the blankets remain free to those who need them the most. She believes that everyone 'deserves a cuddle' and personalises each blanket based on the recipient's hobbies or favourite colour. Most recently, her blankets have served soldiers returning home injured or suffering from PTSD. Faith is also an active member of her community as a volunteer and her 'cuddle club' talks have reached thousands of young people.

BRENT ADRIAL DSOUZA

THE KINDERGARTEN STARTERS _AGE 10 DUBAI_UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Driven by his motto to bridge the gap between the fortunate and less fortunate in society, Brent has forged a path to deliver social & humanitarian work from the young age of just 7 years. Moved by the overwhelming poverty in Kenya, Greece and India, Brent has dedicated himself to supporting an array of causes such as helping children with special needs, abandoned old age homes, refugees, those with visual impairment, supporting the cause of HIV, supporting orphanages and families who live below the poverty line. His incredible contribution has seen him receive two prestigious national awards in the U.A.E.

CASSANDRA EVANS

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION (SA)_AGE 17 O'HALLORAN HILL_AUSTRALIA

Cassandra is a compassionate young person who has overcome social and learning barriers and become an inspirational role model to everyone around her. She is dedicated to volunteering at the Riding for the Disabled Association where she introduces new clients to the joys of riding, organises and coaches new volunteers and looks after the horses. She has raised over \$5,000 for the Association to fund their services and is helping to plan a fundraising event to purchase hydrotherapy equipment to improve the horse's wellbeing. Cassandra's care and compassion for both the disabled riders and horses at the centre is a true testament to her selfless nature which she displays every day.

JAYNE

ENERGY FOR LIFE PROGRAM_AGE 13 BELMOPAN_BELIZE

Jayne lives in a poor town in Belize with very little industry but a wonderfully rich cultural heritage that is in danger of dying out. She decided that she would lead a project to fight to preserve this heritage by interviewing the elders of the town about their way of life, growing up and documenting it. Through her research she also learnt of traditional medicine and food preparation as well as how to make clothes. Jayne is now passing this knowledge on to the next generation through interactive workshops and storytelling for young people and is consequently keeping her own heritage alive.

PATRICIA CORNELIA FEI GOEYARDI

GREEN TEAM INDONESIA_AGE 16 DENASPUR_BALI_INDONESIA

Patricia is passionate and committed to the environment, helping those less fortunate than herself by volunteering from a very young age. She founded Green Team Indonesia in 2013 when she was just 12 years old, an organisation which campaigns for environmental awareness, educates street children and supports young people suffering from cancer. Patricia's work has gained her widespread international acclaim and she has gained status as a Surfer Girl's Green Ambassador, International Young Eco Hero (award from Action for Nature USA), Tunza & UNEP's Regional Ambassador to Indonesia, Alpha Zetizen of the Year and Honorary Youth Ambassador for New Zealand.

HUMAID HABEEB

OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL SHARJAH FOR BOYS_AGE 18 SHARJAH UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

After conducting a successful anti-smoking campaign at the age of ten, Humaid was inspired to start an organization and take up more issues. That is how he founded "Green Globe", now a very successful environmental and humanitarian youth group with over 1000 members. Moreover, Humaid has planted over 210 Ghaf trees to combat desertification in the UAE and has collected over 15 tons of recyclable waste through his clean up drives and recylathon campaigns. He has also donated over 325kg of provisions and dresses for war-stricken countries and collected over 2000 books through his book collection drive which was donated to the Sharjah city for humanitarian services, to raise funds for charity.

MAX HALL

STICKS 'N STONES_AGE_16 YEARS ALEXANDRA NEW ZEALAND

Max believes deeply in the importance of empowering every young person to be themselves without fear, harassment or bullying. As a strong anti-bullying advocate in his school and community, Max has made a profound difference to other students in his school acting as a strong role model, providing 1 to 1 support, comitting hundreds of hours to Sticks n' Stones and Stand up to Bullying (both off and online). Through training, presentations, planning and delievering workshops, speaking at international conferences and creating an online game, Max has been aspiring to make small positive change in the hope that one day he can make a big difference.

TOM HUGHES

ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE_AGE 15 ST HELIER_JERSEY

Tom is a passionate and committed volunteer with St John Ambulance dedicating over 500 hours of voluntary service to his local community. Not only assisting in the treatment of many diverse patients, ranging from minor to life threatening injuries, Tom has transformed education introducing first aid into the curriculum from KS1-KS5. He has approached head teachers in Jersey encouraging them to integrate first aid skills into their curriculum, has taught lessons on basic first aid skills and has also established a mentoring system for new recruits. Toms is a true ambassador for St John's Ambulance.

JEHAN IBRAHIM

CHILD RIGHTS AND YOU_AGE 9_NEW DELHI_INDIA

After visiting an orphanage and feeling shocked by the living conditions Jehan decided to use her passion for creativity to help young people in poverty in India. She creates and sells jewellery to fund vaccinations against deadly diseases and has partnered with a local NGO Child Rights and You (CRY), organised and spoken at events and appeared in her local media to promote her cause. Jehan also acts as School Parliamentarian, is the Brand Ambassador for Child Rights and You and has donated her hair twice for the Hair for Hope foundation who provide hair replacement for cancer patients.

AMAAN IQBAL IBRAHIM*

OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL SHARJAH – BOYS' BRANCH_AGE 16 DUBAI UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Amaan has been a powerful force in supporting over 1000 labourers in the United Arab Emirates, where tens of thousands of workers hailing from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh travel to the area to work and support their families back home. Amaan raised a task force of students to regularly visit the labourers, serving food during their religious festivals whether they are Muslim, Hindu or Christian. These times are when workers can feel particularly isolated and lonely, as they are away from their families and otherwise unable to celebrate their festivals and ceremonies. The programme has made an incredible difference to the workers' well-being and he is highly respected across the labour camps.

ASHYANA-JASMINE KACHRA

JUBILEE MONUMENTS CORPORATION_AGE 17_SUGAR LAND_USA

Ashyana-Jasmine has affected change for hundreds of people, spanning her religious and school community, her Canadian community, and even extending to the global community. Ashyana-Jasmine and her peers helped create and run Compass, the first non-profit company in the Junior Achievement Company Program. Ashyana-Jasmine, aware of the plight facing Syrians and their status as refugees in Canada, became a part of an initiative that created care packages for newly arrived families. As someone who is naturally compassionate and empathic, Ashyana-Jasmine was deeply moved by the Syrian refugee crisis and was inspired by the late Princess Diana to find ways to humanise and care for those whose circumstances were so dire.

RAUNAK KAPUR

DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY_AGE 18 NEW DELHI_INDIA

Ranauk is a passionate and tireless campaigner for environmental protection and sustainability. He is the Co-Founder of a student led initiative 'Serve The Earth - An Initiative for Mother Nature'; working with more than 60 students and their parents to carry out recycle-thons, clean-up campaigns, tree planting and environmental education activities and events in his local area. He spreads environmental awareness through social media platforms and through his local media. Ranauk was invited to South Korea in January 2017 as a fully sponsored facilitator at the Junior Eco Engineering Academy for the Global Youth Eco-Leadership Summit.

MARIA KELLER

READ INDEED_AGE 16 HOPKINS USA

As founder of Read Indeed, Maria has spent the last 8 years using her organizational skills, love of reading, creativity and tenacity to create and organize a successful non-profit serving the impoverished youth of the USA. To date, Maria has collected and distributed over 2 million books to kids in need, impacting the lives of approximately 900,000 youth. Aside from managing the warehouse where she regularly leads teams of volunteers to sort thousands of books, Maria also speaks to different groups about her work and shares her story in the hope that it will inspire others to 'do good'. She expects to continue her effort for many years to come and carry on proving that you are never too young or old to make a difference.

FRAN MARKULIN

TEHNICKA SKOLA RUDJERA BOSKOVICA_AGE 17 ZAGREB CROATIA

As a cancer patient survivor, Fran has shown incredible determination and maturity overcoming many difficult challenges, espcially at such a young age. He has used his experience to challenge the fear of malignant diseases by raising awareness amongst other patients and their parents. As sombody who understand the difficult recovery process, Fran has dedicated his time to support those who need it most, including fundraising to dontate toys to a Children's Hospital, volunteering with the Firefly Association on 'International Childhood Cancer Day' and is now a medically trained staff member at the local Children's Haematology and Oncology Department. Fran's penominal strength and determination is something to be admired by all.

CASSIDY MEGAN MCCARTHY

EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA_AGE 18 HALIFAX_NOVA SCOTIA_CANADA

Cassidy felt isolated and alone when she was first diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 10. Determined for others in her situation not to go through the same experience she founded Purple Day; a day dedicated to spreading epilepsy awareness and understanding. Purple Day is recognised and celebrated on March 26th in over 70 countries, giving courage to millions of adults and young people every year to achieve their dreams and accomplish their goals. Cassidy has met with the Queen and the Prime Minister and national landmarks have been lit in purple on the day to show support.

JENNIFER MCLAIN

IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOLS_AGE 17 YEARS STATESVILLE USA

After being intensely bullied during middle school, Jennifer dedicated the past five years to addressing and raising awareness about issues of bullying in her community. She founded the Ignite Summit, a biannual districtwide anti-bullying conference designed to educate, motivate, and empower student leaders to prevent bullying in their schools. Recently, she expanded this initiative to the elementary level. This resulted in over 20,000 members of her community having been reached and a 98% decrease in bullying and related behaviours at her school. Jennifer also started "An Afternoon of Music", an annual concert dedicated to raising money to buy food for families who can't afford it. Although the concert preparations are complex, she raised \$800 at her first benefit concert and \$7,200 to date.

MYTHRI MURALIKANNAN

THE MILLENNIUM SCHOOL_AGE 12 DUBAI_UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Passionate about environmental issues, Mythri is an extremely dedicated campaigner in her school and community, contributing hundreds of hours to the cause. From 2013, she has been conducting Neighborhood Recycling Campaigns every year, where she prepares fliers to encourage family and friends to contribute to the cause. Mythri has set up initiatives in her school and community such as 'Got Toys?', 'Donate Used School Bags', 'Donate a toy and share a joy', encouraging her peers to collect used toys for donation to children. Long term Mythri is determined to fulfil her aim of taking small measures to create a bigger impact on society.

PRIYANKA NAIR

THE MILLENNIUM SCHOOL AGE 12 DUBAI UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Motivated to support the environment and raise awareness, Priyanka created a project to encourage people to 'Rethink' and 'Reform' their attitudes towards saving the environment. The first phase aimed at educating children focused on the benefits of planting trees through afforestation, in combination with creating workshops to reduce plastic bag usage and making use of waste clothing. The second phase has targeted the corporate sector through presentations on how to reduce stationary usage. Priyanka has already directly reached 800 people, visiting 15 firms and aims to contribute much more to the cause.

ARINZE OBIEZUE

AFRICAN LEADERSHIP MODEL UNITED NATIONS (ALMUN)_AGE 18 BEAU PLAN PAMPLEMOUSSES MAURITIUS

Arinze is the founder and President of ALMUN, an organisation, in collaboration with his university, that works tirelessly to improve the lives of young people and broaden their awareness of current social issues. He leads the organisation, developing extensive networks with other school communities and inspiring many of his peers to get involved with the organisation. Arinze encourages young people to be good ambassadors through all aspects of life and has raised \$4000 to support a visit for his peers to attend an International Model United Nations.

ELSIA POP*

ENERGY FOR LIFE PROGRAM AGE 17 BELMOPAN BELIZE

Elsia has made it her mission to ensure the cultural traditions of the Mayan people, comprising 11.3% of the population of Belize are not forgotten. After learning handicraft from elders in her village in Belize, Elsia now teaches her peers about the art, both in school and villages across the region. As well as preserving her culture, Elsia is also breaking the cycle of poverty in her community, by encouraging young people to sell the products they make; contributing to their education and improving their life chances. Whilst Elsia believes wholeheartedly in the power of education, she also realises the stark reality her community is facing with many of her peers dropping out of school. She hopes that with these skills young people will have a means of empowering themselves and providing for their families.

ADITHIYAN RAJAN

JSS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL_AGE 14_DUBAI_UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Adithiyan has demonstrated outstanding leadership in his mission to protect the environment and society in any way he can. From planting trees, speaking to over 3500 people about sustainable development to writing newspaper articles to volunteering his time and money to various charities his efforts are varied but his goal is always the same – to encourage social responsibility and sustainability. Through his experiences, Adithiyan has learned the signifiance and benefit of team work, has become an excellent public speaker and natural leader. He has even worked with the government to ensure a better, safer and sustainable tomorrow through his presentations, campaigns and talks.

CAMPBELL REMESS

PROJECT365BYCAMPBELL AGE 12 ACTON TASMANIA AUSTRALIA

Twelve-year-old Campbell is committed to helping others. Through one of his campaigns called Project 365, he made one gift every day for a year and sent them to hospitals in Tasmania to be given out on Christmas. As well as continuing this project, Campbell makes teddy bears by request for children or adults who are sick. He has also sent his teddy bears to places affected by terror attacks and disasters such as Brussels, Paris, and Dallas. His Facebook page currently has 40,000 followers from all over the world. Recently Campbell organised a Gala to raise money for cancer research and managed to raise \$29.000 AUS dollars in just four hours by sewing a bear on stage and auctioning it.

SIDHAARTHAA SAVELIMEDU VEERAVALLI

OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL SHARJAH BOYS'_AGE 14 SHARJAH UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

As a responsible environmentalist, Sidhaarthaa works to spread awareness about the need to protect our environment, reduce waste and promotes the idea of sustainable consumption.

As a social campaigner he strives to support education for the underprivileged and impoverished. Working with numerous charities from both the UAE and India he has taken on numerous initiatives for his causes including speaking at conferences, participating in walks, collecting books and electronic waste, organizing workshops and recycling drives, creating and distributing educational materials and many more. Through his leadership and presentation skills, he has inspired his peers and numerous other young people to get involved and become active citizens.

JOSEPHINE SETIAWAN

BUILDING LITERACY INDONESIA_AGE 16 JAKARTA INDONESIA

Josephine has created Building Literacy Indonesia a reading and education club that serves children from shanty towns in three separate areas of Jakarta; Kebon Jeruk, Kemang and Rawamangun. Josephine established the first reading club at her school with her teacher. The programme now works to provide education for 200 young people in poverty every week, with a team of 50 volunteer tutors who facilitate the programme. To bring her projects to life Josephine has led her own fundraising initiatives; designing notebooks and bags to sell at bazaars across the city as well as applying for grants through local trusts and foundations.

KHUSHEE SHAH

THE MILLENNIUM SCHOOL_AGE 14 DUBAI_UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Khushee has been a role model to her peers with her passion for conserving the environment. Be it through the collection of cans, expressing her artistic skill through the best waste disposal methods or inspiring her community with her eco awareness talks; she is a true eco warrior. She has participated in tree planting, Earth Hour & recycling projects, contributing 10kg worth of newspapers. Khushee gained first place in an Eco art competition and participated in the Best Eco Family Contest. She has also initiated an international conference with students from Lebanon to discuss the environmental constraints of being a global citizen.

NIKHIYA SHAMSHER*

WOMEN HAVE THE SAME SET OF TEETH AS MEN_AGE 14 BANGALORE INDIA

Nikhiya has played a crucial role in changing the lives of nearly 6000 underprivileged children, through her initiatives that ensure children across India have the facilities, funds and resources needed to build a better future through education. Through her initiative Bags, Books and Blessings 4200 students have received school supplies including books, bags, uniforms and shoes. Nikhiya has mobilised hundreds of local businesses to support the cause. Her Yearn to Learn project has helped provide laboratories to schools, giving them an equal opportunity to excel in science and maths, with teachers reporting student grades shooting up by 30%.

MOHAMAD SINAAN KOMBANEZHATH

OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BRANCH_AGE 16 SHARJAH_UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Over the past three years, Mohamad has taken on the responsibility of spreading awareness of breast cancer in his community. To do so, he organized numerous events to support the "Protect Your Mom" campaign, promoting self check-ups, while also encouraging people to donate their hair to patients suffering from cancer. Mohamad is also very passionate about preserving the environment. This motivated him to organize the "Neighbourhood Recycling Initiative" and a "Recyclathon", which resulted in accumulating around 2000 kilos of recyclables which would have ended up in landfills. He is also keen on supporting the underprivileged children in Dhaka. Being a Youth Ambassador for "The Choice to Change Foundation", he raises funds to provide better facilities such as schools and medical centres for them.

AADITYA SINGH

ADTTA (AFFILIATION OF DYNAMIC TABLE TENNIS ATHLETES)_AGE 13 DUBAI_UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Aaditya is committed to raising funds and awareness for a wide range of charitable causes focussed around environmental protection, the treatment of serious illnesses and disaster relief. He has taken on positions of responsibility at school on his School Council and as a Prefect, as well as being President of the school's environmental club. Aaditya's selflessness has been an inspiration to many as he has gained widespread recognition and coverage of his work in the media, and he has even given his own TEDx talk.

COURTNEY SMITH

STICKS 'N STONES_AGE 17 ALEXANDRA NEW ZEALAND

Courtney is a selfless, dedicated, caring and hardworking young woman who believes she can make a difference to the lives of others, helping them to realise that they ARE worth it. She juggles representing her country with her volunteering through Sticks 'n Stones, St John Ambulance, and achieving a high level academically as she prepares to study medicine at University next year. She has led the development and delivery of focused anti bullying workshops across her school as well as working hard to raise awareness and challenge stereotypes with mental illness to advocate for more support, a cause close to her heart.

AISHA STRUTT

GIRL GUIDES NSW & ACT_AGE 17 ALEXANDRIA)AUSTRALIA

Aisha is a passionate and dedicated Girl Guide, committed to serving her community and impacting her world. She is a role model to younger guides and a leader amongst her peers who contributes significantly to the promotion and development of Girl Guides as an organisation and its role in empowering girls and young women. Her exemplary contribution as a Junior Leader and her leadership on the Girls Advisory Panel (GAP) helps make Girl Guides accessible and relevant to a new generation of girls. Her innovative thinking and initiative to create change is truly inspiring for her peers and adults alike!

AVERINA GEFFANIE

INDONESIA SEHAT FOUNDATION_AGE 16 JAKARTA INDONESIA

Averina is a 16 years old Indonesian student who has been called a visionary, compassionate and dedicated. What began as an active participation in environmental action to protect nature, has grown into something much bigger. Averina has channeled her passion into social welfare towards the health of Indonesian children. Equipped with an early awareness on the disparity of societies, she has strived to provide sufficient nutrients and healthcare for young underprivileged children, especially in tackling the high rate of child mortality and the prevalent problem of child stunting under the Indonesia Sehat Foundation. Her active envoy has reached more than 15 schools and 2000 children in remote villages in Indonesia.

ISRAELA TARWAY

ISRAEL FOUNDATION_AGE 11 MONROVIA_LIBERIA

Being from Libia, the African country with the highest percentage of children out of school, eleven-year-old Israela's motto is "Giving Hope to the Hopless". For the past four years, she has been saving half of her daily lunch money and walking around with her charity box after school in order to give underprivileged children in her community the opportunity to go to school. Furthermore, she provides tutorials during weekends and shares everything she has such as clothes and food with the children she is helping. The Israel Foundation, set up by her, has already raised \$500 USD and has successfully placed five underprivileged children in schools. Israela also constantly checks on the beneficiaries and makes sure they have everything they need.

MIKAYLA TOBIN

DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TN_AGE 9 MT. JULIET_TENNESSEE_USA

Since she was just six years old Mikayla has dedicated her free time to volunteer with the Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee; her devotion for the cause growing every year. During her summer holidays she volunteers with the Association's Creative Arts Camp where she supports the smooth running of group activities and ensures that every single young person on site gets the best possible experience from the service. Mikayla has a pure and unconditional love for others, she is passionate about volunteering and is dedicated to ensuring inclusion for all, regardless of their ability.

SANOOBA UDDIN

GEMS OUR OWN ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL DUBAI_AGE 16 DUBAI_UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Sanooba is a passionate campaigner for health, sustainability and education for all. She has given presentations to school staff, students and the underprivileged about the dangers of substance misuse as well and been involved in the organisation of events that's that have engaged her community and developed understanding of healthy living. Sanooba played a vital role in her school's project 'WE for us' (water and electricity) which successfully reduced the entire school community's water and electricity consumption developing and taking the lead on many of the activities. Sanooba designed an educational application with videos and GIFS that aid students with additional educational needs which is free for all.

GREEN TEAM INDONESIA

GREEN TEAM INDONESIA_AGED 13-17 DENPASAR_BALI_INDONESIA

The group volunteer for causes promoting environmental sustainability, educate street children and bring joy and happiness to young people suffering from cancer. The group plant trees, support local recycling centres and biodiesel manufacturers by collecting used cooking oil. GTI support street children many of whom do not go to school at all by hosting classes in craft making, cooking, reading and maths and make regular monthly trips to hospitals bringing the children on the cancer wards lunchboxes and reading them stories to enhance their quality of life during their stay.

SANA AND MANYA

ELIXIR - SHUDH PAANI KI SHAPAT_AGE 17 GURGAON_HARYANA_INDIA

Sana and Manya founded Elixir when they became aware of the harsh realities faced by slum dwellers in India. They have raised £5000 to provide simple non-electric water filters to over 1100 people providing them with clean and safe drinking water. Sana and Manya have created a crowdfunding page and a webpage through which they raise awareness and raise donations. They have inspired their peers, families and community to support them and are looking towards the corporate world to take their project to the next level.

ROLL OF HONOUR

LONDON_

HALLELUYA ADENIYI

ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE 10 LONDON

Halleluya's tireless dedication and commitment to supporting a fellow pupil with Autism settle into school has ensured that they have become a valued member. By helping soothe the child when distressed, offering praise and educating other children in school about autism, her positive engagement has ensured that a lack of understanding has not turn into fear. Her positive attitude and leadership has allowed other pupils with disabilities to be included (not just integrated) into the school community. Halleluya's awareness of the importance of diversity and inclusion within the community at such a young age is remarkable.

KALESHA AYTON

OASIS HUB WATERLOO AGE 15 LONDON

Kalesha gives up her spare time to volunteer at Oasis Centre, whether it be within the children's group or the foodbank despite also being a carer to her younger siblings. Her volunteering has made a huge impact on the people Oasis serves and her peers as she has inspired them to volunteer; taking them off the streets of South London and helping them build their own skills whilst giving back to their community. Kalesha is loved and admired by everyone young and old at the centre, the children want to be in her learning groups and the elderly community value her for her empathy, compassion and friendly chats, even reporting that she has changed their perceptions of young people.

CALVIN BILLINGTON GLEN

ANNA KENNEDY ONLINE AGE 15 LONDON

Calvin is an inspiring singer-songwriter, a fundraiser for charitable causes and a great supporter of other young people who live with autism. He has organised and performed at events in aid of various charities and is a Young Ambassador for Dorset Mind who specialise in services for young people with mental health issues in the Dorset area. Calvin is a wonderful supporter of UK autism charity AnnaKennedyOnline and has helped to create the charity's first album Building Bridges; writing a song to commemorate a friend who sadly passed away.

CHARLOTTE BUCHALTER

BBYO_AGE 17_LONDON

The positive difference that Charlotte makes in her community through volunteering is widely felt and inspirational. She buddies a young person with DiGeorge syndrome, visits elderly residents at a care home and supports a coffee shop at St Ann's Hospice. She also plays a strategic role at the Manchester branch of BBYO; a global peer-led youth movement having formed the branch at only 14 years old. Charlotte commits herself fully to any challenge she undertakes with a smiling face and happy disposition; qualities that make her presence all the more beneficial for those she helps.

ALEX GODFREY STROWBRIDGE

WANDSWORTH YOUTH COUNCIL_AGE 18_LONDON

Alex gives her full commitment, support, and enthusiasm to her community. Through five years of dedicated work, Alex makes a stand in her community forcing her local authority to notice, listen and respond to the voices of young people. Leading Wandsworth's Youth Council, she has been pioneering in implementing changes to mental health and wellbeing services with young people at the helm, steering the focus of services towards their greatest needs. Through girl guiding and body image workshops, Alex empowers young women, paving the way for their strong, supported futures. Alex is a true changer maker!

MAISIE GRAHAM

BACK UP AGE 16 LONDON

Maisie has a spinal cord injury which is the result of sudden onset of Transverse Myelitis (an inflammation of the spinal cord). In 2015 she became involved with 'Back Up' as a dedicated and enthusiastic young volunteer offering support to other young people affected by spinal cord injury. As a young wheelchair skills trainer, she supports the young people to develop their skills, confidence and independence using a wheelchair. Maisie has a fantastic ability to support and inspire other young people with her positive can-do attitude and has become a youth advisor; helping to influence and shape Back Up's services.

KEVIN LOZANO

THE PASSAGE_AGE 18_LONDON

A modest and caring individual, Kevin has dedicated hours of free time to The Passage, a charity supporting the homeless. He selflessly prepares and serves food every weekend, whilst coordinating other volunteers from his school, encouraging them to support the cause. Further to this, Kevin volunteers his time to support the Snowflake School in order to help children with communication difficulties. Through fudraising initiatives, Kevin has helped to raise an incredible £6000 over the last year, significantly raising the profile of homelessness amongst his peers. Through his volunteering, Kevin has gone above and beyond his commitment to supporting The Passage.

SARAH

HATCH END HIGH SCHOOL)_AGE 13_LONDON

Sarah is sensible, supportive, creative and industrious in her efforts to make a difference in others lives. She dedicates her time to her academic studies and the support of young people in distress in her school. She helps plan and run events in school to raise awareness of issues facing her peers and the wider community. Sarah has been instrumental in initiating the re launch of her schools peer2peer support programme and organised a rota for the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. .She regularly holds discussion groups to discuss creative ideas that raise awareness of Anti-Bullying and raises money for a number of charities locally, and abroad.

DANNY MURPHY

BRITISH DEAF ASSOCIATION AGE 13 LONDON

Danny is a passionate campaigner for the rights of other young people who are deaf. He produces amazing creative videos that challenge the services currently provided for deaf young people in mainstream society whilst also offering his best advice from his own life experiences. His Facebook page Danny's Skits Video has nearly 14,000 followers whilst his Youtube videos have hundreds of thousands of views. Danny has spoken at the British Deaf Association AGM and has been invited to appear in various TV programmes including BBC See Hear as a presenter.

FEMI OWOLADE COOMBES*

WHITGIFT SCHOOL _AGE 11_LONDON

When Femi was diagnosed with Tourette syndrome at the age of seven, he wondered how it would shape his life, not realising the incredible influence he would have on other young people who were also neuro-divergent. A talented coder and described as one of 'tomorrow's engineers', Femi set up the South London Raspberry Jam to share his passion for computing with friends from his Tourette's Action support group and other young people with autism and Tourette syndrome. Femi has provided free workshops to hundreds of young people and helped deliver a number of successful teacher/parent workshops, which help them to gain insight into their children's engagement with technology.

KAJUS

BARNARDO'S_AGE 9_LONDON

Kajus is an exceptional young person who was a young carer from the age of 5. Originally from Lithuania he lived with his Mother who was diagnosed with cancer in 2013. He cared for her and helped with cooking and cleaning as she battled her illness, whilst attending school every day and staying focused on his studies. Kajus is the most popular boy in school because he is cheerful and friendly and helps others whenever he can. Kajus attends the activities at the Barnardo's Young Carers group and makes a positive contribution to other young carers, always making time for them whatever they are doing.

STACEY WATTS

HARROW CAMHS_AGE 18_LONDON

Stacey is incredibly passionate about tackling stigma toward mental health and has given up her time to work with staff and young people at Harrow CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) and her local NHS Foundation Trust. She is a shining example to all around her and a great advocate for young people who experience mental health difficulties. Stacey attends meetings with Service Managers and volunteers to help shape and improve services provided by Harrow CAMHS and has sat on many interview panels to recruit new Team Managers and a Consultant Psychiatrist.

THE PEER MEDIATORS

SUNNYHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL_AGED 9-11_LONDON

The Peer Mediators at Sunnyhill are an outstanding group of young people ranging from 9 to 11 years old. They dedicate their free time to improving the play times and lives of their peers through a pupil led conflict resolution service, and raising awareness of bullying through events and activities. Compared to the same period last year, the successful impact of their campaign has meant that the demand for their service has already reduced by 50%, testament to their good work. The school would not be the place it is today without these dedicated, hardworking and conscientious young people.

ROLL OF HONOUR

NORTH EAST_

HARRIOTTE LANE

HANNAH TODD PHOTOGRAPHY_AGE 15_GATESHEAD_NORTH EAST

Harriotte has raised over £35,000 over the past 3 years for charity and is an inspiration to all around her. She has attended over 300 charity events and organised 20 herself raising money for a range of causes, including her local children's hospice and The Christie. Following her work as Miss Teen Newcastle and Miss Teen Great Britain she has set up an organisation called the North East Pageant Network; supporting and empowering young women to gain confidence and experience through charity work which has itself now raised £30,000. Harriotte is also a mentor and has coached young people with autism so that they may participate in pageants.

MATTHEW WHITE-ILEY*

ANTI-BULLYING & BEHAVIOUR SERVICE_AGE 15 HARTLEPOOL_NORTH EAST

Mathew is a kind, compassionate and inspirational young anti-bullying ambassador and mentor, who has been the driving force behind his anti-bullying ambassador team at his school. In his role as Chair, Mathew has planned and helped deliver assemblies on recognising and tackling bullying. He has spent time raising awareness on cyber, sexual, homophobic, physical, and psychological bullying. Mathew has also contributed to his school's anti-bullying policy and the design of the anti-bullying webpage on their website, has organised tutor groups, campaigned and fundraised for his cause. It is not unusual for Mathew to be asked to help an extremely vulnerable young person that needs help with confidence, bullying or other problems.

EMMA YOUNG

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL_AGE 17_LONGBENTON_NORTH EAST

Juggling her time between the demands of her A Levels whilst tirelessly volunteering, Emma aims to improve the lives of those in her school and local community. Undertaking the Pope John Paul II Award, Emma also volunteers every week with Steetwise who encourage young people to be safer in Newcastle. Completing her Young Leaders Award, she leads the Beavers section of scouts, mentors a year 7 student as well talking a leading role at a local crèche. Her commitment and dedication to volunteering is admirable; Emma's volunteering has really changed the lives of so many in her community.

PEER MENTOR TEAM

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRIMARY SCHOOL_AGED 10-12 STOCKTON-ON-TEES_NORTH EAST

Acting as excellent ambassadors and role models for their peers, this dedicated team of young people are committed to freely giving up their time and energy to help make their school a better place. Inspired by the challenges of poverty within their community and the benefits of having a local foodbank, this group have set up a permanent food collection point in their school. Further, they have delivered assemblies to raise awareness along with creating a web page. They are an amitious group who aim to continue to inspire by passing this legacy onto the future peer mentor teams.

STAINDROP COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

STAINDROP COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL_AGE_10-11 DARLINGTON_NORTH EAST

This group of very special young people offer support by volunteering their time and skills with charities that support vulnerable individuals, going through worrying and traumatic events. Inspired by causes close to their hearts, these volunteers have supported The Clinic Sargent Cancer Charity, MacMillan Cancer Assistance, Alzeimers Society, Save the Children, Banardos Charity and Young Church Leaders. Sacrificing much of their free time and offering all types of assistance, they have helped so many valuable causes through so many selfless acts of kindness. It is heart-warming to see the vast amounts of selflessness and generosity' from these volunteers.

TOFTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERs

TOFTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL_AGED 10-11 BISHOP AUCKLAND_NORTH EAST

Dedicated to volunteering, this highly motivated, consistent and positive team from Tofthill Primary School have a real passion for helping those who lack access to many of lifes opportunities. Their volunteer work not only raised money but also awareness, reaching many organsiaitons including the British Heart Foundation, Children In Need, Community Assistance, Road Safety, MacMillan Cancer Research, Food Parcels, Save the Children and the NSPCC support initiatives. This group has had a real long-lasting impact on their community, standing as great role models and outstanding citizens.

GAINFORD COF E PRIMARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

GAINFORD COF E PRIMARY SCHOOL_AGED 10-11 DARLINGTON_NORTH EAST

The group have dedicated a great deal of their own time to support a wide range of good causes. They have organised sponsored events in their community to raise money for charities including British Legion, Macmillan Cancer Research, Butterwick Hospice, Sports Relief and Children in Need. The group's passion and determination to help others has galvanised the community into taking action and raised awareness of the need to support those in the world who need it the most. They are seen as role models to both adults and young people in their school and the wider community.

OAKLEY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

OAKLEY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL_AGED 10-11 WEST AUCKLAND NORTH EAST

This group of young volunteers have worked tirelessly in every way to volunteer their time to have a positive effect on the lives of others. They have fundraised, organized sponsored events, cake sales, dress up and dress down days and managed charity tuck shops and trade stands. At the outset, they researched who they should give their funds to, and realised that there are lots of people in the world who have struggles, both near and far. As a result, they now consciously split their donations between local and global charity beneficiaries. All of the projects have been student lead and managed which fostered skills of collaboration and trust and hard work.

ROLL OF HONOUR

NORTH WEST_

ISABELLE ANASTASIOU

SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL_AGE 14_OLDHAM_NORTH WEST

Over the past year and a half Isabelle has been an instrumental member of the peer mentoring team, worked on anti-bullying campaigns in her school and has been involved in local community projects which have consequently gained her a position on Oldham Youth Board. She has coordinated activities with year seven pupils with themes including anti-bullying, self-esteem raising, community cohesion and kindness. Isabelle is very approachable and has become a positive role model to her peers who will often come to her if they have a bullying concern, homework challenges or friendship issues.

MEGAN BRUTON

SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL_AGE 14_OLDHAM_NORTH WEST

Megan is a talented and inspirational young person who works incredibly hard to ensure that every student within her school community feels accepted and safe. She has visited primary schools to help with the transition process, helped with transition days and has tutored supported a year seven form throughout an academic year. Megan is a mental health awareness champion in her community, leading assemblies on loneliness, writing an article on mental health providing guidance and support for students and promoting the work of a local theatre group who have explored issues surrounding mental health.

LIBBY COLLARD

SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL_AGE 14_OLDHAM_NORTH WEST

Since she was just eleven years old Libby has been dedicated to promoting anti-bullying at her school and has been instrumental in the establishment and leadership of the peer mentoring programme. She attended a hate crime conference in year seven and now leads Hate Crime Week at her school and has gone on to take assemblies and workshops both in her own school and nearby local primary schools. Libby has also worked with Newsround where she has worked with presenters on a special report for Anti-Bullying Week, compiling top tips for anyone being bullied which was announced on Newsround's morning report and meeting with Nick Gibb MP at the Department for Education.

HAYDEN CONNETT

ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S CHARITY_AGE 10 LIVERPOOL_NORTH WEST

Hayden is a truly remarkable young fundraiser who, at the age of just 10, has raised £24,000 for Alder Hey Children's Charity that supports the hospital that has cared for his brother, born with a rare genetic disorder. Amongst other fundraising initiatives Hayden has taken part in a triathlon, organised a trip for his school choir to sing at 10 Downing Street and held a charity disco and auction. His outstanding dedication to helping others has earned him the role of Alder Hey Children's Charity's Young Ambassador. Hayden's family and the Alder Hey Charity Team are all immensely proud of him and he is a wonderful best friend to his brother.

SAMANTHA HANNAH

SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL AGE 14 OLDHAM NORTH WEST

Samantha is an exceptionally hardworking and dedicated student. As part of her role as a peer mentor and anti-bullying ambassador she has planned and delivered work on a range of topics including anti-bullying, kindness, raising self-esteem and community projects working alongside Age UK. She has also worked with Mind, Brook and Dove and, using these experiences, has provided support and advice for students in year seven throught their transition to secondary school. Samantha has planned and delivered support lessons for year six students and has visited primary schools to speak to students to make them feel happier about the next academic year.

OLIVER REEVES

CHAD'S CHALLENGES - ALTRINCHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS_AGE 17 ALTRINCHAM NORTH WEST

Oliver has been the best ever Project Manager for his school's fundraising initiative 'Chad's Challenges' raising money for a fund established in memory of a former student who sadly lost his battle to cancer in 2008. Oliver has taken the lead on the organisation of a casino and quiz evening, a USA Presidential themed tea party and a ladies evening. As a result of his leadership skills and warm personality Oliver was unanimously voted in as project manager and the group has since then raised £1700 for Chad's Much Loved Fund and The Willow Foundation with a further £1500 expected later in the year.

ALANNA RUDD

SADDLEWORTH SCHOOL AGE 15 OLDHAM NORTH WEST

Alanna has taken a leading role in the planning and delivery of the peer reading programme at her school, supporting students with the lowest levels of literacy. She is an anti-bullying ambassador taking the lead on activities focussed on inclusion, kindness and raising self esteem as well as supporting new years seven students transition into secondary school. Alanna has also been involved in the school's charity projects and has used her experiences working with Age UK, Mind, Brook and Dove to give support and advice to new year seven students.

SAM RICHARDSON

BARNARDO'S_AGE 15_PRESTON_NORTH WEST

Sam is passionate about the rights of children and young people in care and is on a mission to improve their quality of life by acting as the voice for young cares on issues that affect them. Sam campaigns through his involvement with the 'Children in Care Council' (CICC); engaging with both young people and professionals confidently and effectively at events and meetings such as 'Regional CICC' meetings, training events for social workers, 'Corporate Parenting Boards' and 'Young Inspector' meetings and inspections. Sam is an inspiration to others around him who is viewed as an ambassador for positive change in his community.

BROOKE TAYLOR*

ROYAL MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHARITY_AGE 15 PRESTON_NORTH WEST

Brooke is a courageous fundraiser, raising thousands of pounds for the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity (RMCHC), having been treated there since birth for a spinal condition. Never letting anything stand in the way of her fundraising mission, Brooke has organised and taken part in runs and walks across the North West region. When told she couldn't take part in physical activity for a year following spinal surgery, Brooke created the Forbidden Mile; encouraging family, friends and her community to take on a one mile challenge, for those who can't. Brooke is also Vice Chair of the Youth Forum at the hospital, contributing to the future care of children by sharing ideas and providing a voice for her fellow patients.

ESTHER WATSON

SANDBACH HIGH SCHOOL_AGE 16_SANDBACH_NORTH WEST

Esther is an incredibly selfless and kind hearted young person who believes that everyone deserves protection over their human rights. Through weekly involvement with Amnesty International over the past few years she has defended the rights of LGBTQ people, women, children and prisoners, lobbied MPs and world leaders and raised funds for anti-trafficking organisations. As well as this Esther has volunteered her time to feed the homeless, helped with activities that have benefitted the lives of refugees, carried out litter picking in her town and supported her local food bank.

JONATHAN WRIGHT

THORNLEIGH SALESIAN COLLEGE SIXTH FORM CENTRE_AGE 17_BOLTON_NORTH WEST

Jonathan should be commended on his commitment to his school council and local community. He has lead campaigns within school on anti-bullying, recycling, internet safety and healthy lifestyles. He was Leader of the School Council in Year 11 and was recently elected as Youth MP for Bolton. In October 2016 he helped to launch "Be Kind to my Mind" initiative along with CAMHS Bolton and Bolton Youth Council, to highlight young people's mental health. Jonathan's caring and compassionate nature, along with his desire to improve the lives of young people makes him really stand out from the crowd.

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

KENTMERE ACADEMY AND NURSERY_AGED 9 – 10 ROCHDALE_NORTH WEST

The anti-bullying ambassadors at Kentmere Academy and Nursery have played an integral part in making their school a safe and happy learning environment. They are dependable and capable - taking control of situations and helping those who are more vulnerable than they are. The anti-bullying ambassadors sacrifice their playtimes and lunchtimes on a regular basis and consistently take a leading role in assemblies linked to anti-bullying and have helped to update their schools anti-bullying policy. The children have faced a number of challenges as Kentmere is situated in a deprived area and have had a number of bullying incidents in the past, but they are unwavering in their quest to combat bullying.

BEYOND LABELS: IN YOUNG MEN'S SHOES

THE HOLLINS TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE_AGED 12-16 ACCRINGTON_NORTH WEST

Beyond Labels: In Young Men's Shoes,' is the initiative of The Hollins Technology College, where a group of brave young men have used their personal experiences, thoughts and feelings to create powerful and inspiring content. They explore issues of male identity and the pressures that individuals face due to labels. As a result of their determination and hard work, an exhibition of film, photography and spoken word has been performed at various venues across East Lancashire: 'beyond labels collective.' By challenging the stigma surrounding men talking about their feelings, thoughts, fears & aspirations this group has really made people think beyond the label.

PEER MENTORS

MOORE PRIMARY SCHOOL_AGED 10-11 WARRINGTON NORTH WEST

These inspirational Peer Mentors make a considerable difference to the safety and happiness of so many children in the community. They sacrifice play times and lunch times to play games with younger children, particularly those that find it difficult to make or maintain friendships. Participating in various fundraising and charitable activities, they have worked hard to raise money for a 'Friendship Bench' and a 'Friendship Shop.' One of the most important activities they have participated in is promoting the schools Positive Behaviour Policy; acting as models of positive behaviour, they tirelessly promote fairness, respect and kindness towards others.

PEER SUPPORT GROUP

WIRRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS_AGED 17-18 WIRRAL_NORTH WEST

In 2015 an ex pupil, Matthew Siddorn, from Wirral Grammar School for boys took his own life whilst in his second year in University. Dedicated to keeping Mathew's memory alive, The Peer Support Group (PGS) took on the grueling "3 peaks challenge in 24 hours" to raise money for Wirral Mind and awareness for Mental Health. Whilst completing their A levels, the PSG were in the top 1% of "just giving" fundraisers by raising an incredible £3,748.87 through sponsorship. Their incredible worked has helped to raise the profile of Mental Health, encouraging more to be open minded and supportive.

PROJECT HAPPINESS

SANDBACH HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE_AGED 15-16 SANDBACH NORTH WEST

Project Happiness are a testament to what young people can achieve and positive impact they can make on others around them and are completely dedicated to making a difference on a local, national and international scale. The group volunteer to support a wide range of causes; working at a food bank, collecting donations for local refugees, supporting Breast Cancer Awareness, litter picking and caring for the homeless. Project happiness also campaign for human rights causes including girls education and the rights of LGBT people and political prisoners and have worked to oppose the death penalty, child marriage and human trafficking.

ROLL OF HONOUR

NORTHERN IRELAND_

GARRETH BROWNE*

KINSHIP CARE NI _AGE 16 DERRY_NORTHERN IRELAND

After losing his father and mother in the same year, Garreth has been a pillar of support to his older sister and two younger brothers, to ensure their family stay together despite the hardship they have had to face. In addition to supporting his siblings, Garreth selflessly helps other children in Kinship Care by talking about his family's experience in a positive way. He has shown maturity and bravery by facing his own emotions and troubles to help younger children work through theirs. He goes above and beyond helping in his local community by volunteering every night at his local youth club and boxing club.

DERVLA DOLAN*

THE ENDA DOLAN FOUNDATION_AGE 18 BELFAST_NORTHERN IRELAND

Dervla has been the driving force behind setting up The Enda Dolan Foundation after her brother Enda, was tragically killed in a road accident in Belfast. Enda was a keen athlete, guitarist and budding architect. The foundation was established to keep his memory alive and inspire others through his love for life. Inspired by her brother, Dervla passionately believes in improving both physical and mental health for overall well-being and for this reason, she established numerous 'Couch to 5K' programmes to inspire people of all abilities to have fun whilst getting fit. The Dolan family also created Run for Enda to get the wider community involved. Dervla herself has competed in various races and has volunteered at all of these programmes.

ANNA FLANAGAN

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL AGE 17 OMAGH NORTHERN IRELAND

Anna is a committed and passionate Head Girl of her school and Chairperson of Omagh Youth Council. She is a charismatic and compelling orator, to whom 850 younger pupils look for example and inspiration and has designed workshops to tackle a broad range of social issues that her peers face. She also launched The School Academic Mentoring Programme and has coordinated the programme, from inception to evaluation. Outside of school, Anna volunteers with the Urgent Care Treatment Centre and Renal Unit at her local hospital where she assists the nurses and talks to patients undergoing dialysis.

KATIE GRADEN

THRIVING LIFE CHURCH COMPASSION CENTRE_AGE 16 NEWTOWNARDS NORTHERN IRELAND

Motivated to make a difference in her local community and help those struggling with poverty, Katie volunteers in her local foodbank and helps to raise the profile for the disadvantaged. A born leader and motivator at the foodbank, Katie has also fundraised by completing the Ards Half Marathon and created a Facebook group called "Positivity makes the world a better place," with daily quotes of encouragement. Katie has used her own struggles to show others that you can overcome any barrier and become the person you were created to be; inspiring so many people through her spoken words of encouragement.

CLAIRE HANNA

WALLACE HIGH SCHOOL_AGE 18_LISBURN_NORTHERN IRELAND

Claire became a passionate fundraiser for the Cancer Fund for Children following the tragic loss of a close friend to a brain tumour. For her 16th birthday present to herself Claire carried out a sponsored sky dive and since then has organised an abseil raising £3000, special events for her peers at school raising £1,500 and has a trek planned along the Great Wall of China in September which has already raised over £2000. As such a passionate supporter of charitable causes and as former Deputy Head Girl at her school Claire has been an important role model to other young people around her.

CAITLIN KANE

ST JAMES COMMUNITY YOUTH FORUM AGE 16 BELFAST NORTHERN IRELAND

Effected by the prevailing issues of homeless on the streets of Belfast, Caitlin has encouraged her friends to help distribute warm clothing, sleeping bags and hot food to those who need it most. Overcoming her own personal barriers and approaching life with a different attitude, Catlin has been determined to make a difference to the lives of others. She volunteers in the local community 4 times a week, delivers assemblies to highlight issues surrounding cyber bullying and has organsied a 24 hour 'Step Out' of your comfort zone, encouraging other to place themselves in the shoes of the homeless.

RYAN MCAULEY

NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE_AGE 17_MAGHERAFELT_NORTHERN IRELAND

Ryan is passionate about working with young children and gives his time freely in and out of his scheduled time to promote their learning. He is creative and innovative in his approach to supporting the Early Years department at his school, whether it is through art projects, or ICT assistance. Ryan also acts as a liaison between the student council and student body to ensure the there is an open dialogue between both groups. Ryan has always acted as a role model to all the pupils he has worked alongside as a friend or peer mentor to those who are in need of guidance.

BRONA STARKEY

DRAMABILITY_AGE 17
DOWNPATRICK_NORTHERN IRELAND

Brona has been awarded for her work with Dramability, a mixed-ability drama group where 50% of it's members have learning difficulties or a disability. The group meet on Saturday mornings and Brona never misses a rehearsal, making helping others a real priority even in the midst of exams, driving lessons, sports and other demands on her time. Brona has taken a leading role with the club's junior members, going out of her way to enable them to participate in dance and drama activities. She has even learned Makaton signing so that she can communicate effectively and teach it to others.

ST DOMINIC'S #IWILL TEAM

ST DOMINIC'S HIGH SCHOOL_AGED 18 BELFAST_NORTHERN IRELAND

As #Iwill ambassadors, these young people act as powerful volunteer advocates and role models to campaign and speak out about the importance and benefits of youth engagement in their local community. They have promoted the Step up to Serve initiative to encouraging others to volunteer, acted as their schools representatives with Volunteer Now Northern Ireland and gained an invite to participate in the Youth United London Award. Always willing to step out of their comfort zone, these inspirational ambassadors have worked hard to carve out their own path and have been instrumental in encouraging their peers to volunteer.

ROLL OF HONOUR

SCOTLAND_

SUELY AND ENGRACIA

HILLPARK LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION RESOURCE_AGED 17-18 GLASGOW_SCOTLAND

Engracia befriended Suely when she came to Hillpark and the two girls worked closely, not just supporting the causes they espoused, but also each other. Suely has thrown herself enthusiastically into many social justice initiatives with Engracia, yet all the while learning English and focusing on her academic studies as well as working four nights a week in a restaurant to support herself. Both girls are an excellent influence on any young people are considered to be role models and leaders within their communities; Suely and Engracia have been the driving force at the head of a group which has raised over £10,000 for Mary's Meals and £1500 for educational resources for Mang'omba School in Malawi.

SUELY*

HILLPARK SECONDARY SCHOOL _AGE 18 GLASGOW SCOTLAND

Despite having endured adversity and personal tragedy throughout her life, Suely is determined to help others. Suely arrived in Scotland from Angola when she was 14 and enthusiastically threw herself into social justice initiatives; all the while learning English, focusing on her studies and working four nights a week in a restaurant to support herself. She has shown particular commitment to volunteering and fundraising for Mary's Meals as she understands the reality of hunger and starvation in the developing world. Suely recognises the value of making education accessible and subsequently dedicates many of her volunteering hours to supporting Malawi schools with a group of her peers. As the head of the volunteer group they have raised over £10,000.

MOHAMMED AL-HUSARI

WIPE THE TEARS_AGE 17_GLASGOW_SCOTLAND

As a devoted volunteer, Mohammad's main aim through charity work is to help the cause of refugees. He recruits the help and support of other volunteers, travelling around the area to supply refugees with food, furniture and a translator. Balancing his volunteer work with his ambition to become a dentist, he is a valuable member of the Wipe the Tears team, ensuring that all events and gatherings run smoothly. Campaigning for Human Rights, in the past he has spoken at protests to help victims of the Aleppo attack and actively uses social media as a platform to raise awareness.

ALANA BOWDEN

BARRHEAD HIGH SCHOOL_AGE 17_BARRHEAD_SCOTLAND

Alana has become a pillar of support to both students and staff in her school. Rather than let her battle with anxiety overwhelm her, Alana chose to help those going through similar situations. Her compassion, empathy and dedication to her school's 'Support for Learning' department has made her a pillar of support in her community. Her compassion has made an impact on many students; organising local trips for students with learning difficulties, mental health issues and gender identity issues. She has fostered a supportive environment and demonstrated the importance of inclusion and acceptance to all around her.

CAMERON CLARK

LOURDES SECONDARY SCHOOL_AGE 16_GLASGOW_SCOTLAND

Cameron has shown substantial commitment and dedication to supporting young people with additional needs by encouraging and enabling their participation in sport. This has significantly contributed to the improved mental and physical wellbeing in a particularly vulnerable group of learners. Using sport as a catalyst through a personal development class, Cameron began to see the positive impact he was having on the lives of vulnerable young people; to inspire and support them. He has devoted much of his time volunteering and as a result has formed strong relationships with children who could otherwise have very easily be marginalised and isolated.

BRANDON DONNELLY

PEEK - POSSIBILITIES FOR EACH AND EVERY KID AGE 16 GLASGOW SCOTLAND

Having participated in activities at PEEK since the age of 5, Brandon now volunteers to bring free play and sporting activities to the lives of hundreds of children living in deprived areas of Glasgow every week. He consistently goes above and beyond; donating his time after school and every day of school holidays to the communities PEEK supports. He himself lives in one of the most deprived areas in the UK but his goal is to help and inspire others to broaden their horizons through opportunities in play and creative learning. A fantastic role model, Brandon truly encompasses everything PEEK promotes - that all young people have potential to thrive.

KENNEDY DOOLAN

CHRYSTON HIGH SCHOOL_AGE 16_GLASGOW_SCOTLAND

Kennedy has gone above and beyond the call of duty to ensure students in her school have a strong support system. Kennedy has sacrificed an overwhelming amount of time running lunchtime and after school clubs, as well helping out at shows and parent's evenings. Caring and attentive, Kennedy has helped students build self-esteem, offered emotional support and coached students with SENs. Kennedy has made the decision to become a teacher when she is older and has already started her UCAS application to study education. Her teachers say her transformation from a shy, timid pupil to a confident young person has been beautiful to see.

REBEKAH FISHER

DOUGLAS ACADEMY AGE 17 MILNGAVIE SCOTLAND

Despite being in and out of hospital due to a serious heart condition Rebekah is passionate about volunteering. For many years she has given her time to support her local care home, to coach young people in sport and get involved in any charitable activity that she is able to. She has helped build strong intergenerational relationships in her community by linking the care home with her school and organised coffee mornings to fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Research. Her selflessness and courageous approach to life is inspirational to everyone around her.

KAROLINA

PDSA AGE 16 GLASGOW SCOTLAND

Karolina is a dedicated and selfless young person who is devoted to standing up for what she believes in and for making a difference to the lives of others. In school she is part of the mentoring and violence prevention programmes where she advises and supports lower school pupils. She is passionate about animal welfare and volunteers for PDSA, a charity that supports people on income support to pay for vet bills. Karolina regularly attends charity events, actively campaigns for animal rights and has inspired others to volunteer their time for the benefit of the causes she is so passionate about.

ROSS FOLEY

DALKEITH HIGH SCHOOL AGE 17 DALKEITH SCOTLAND

Living by the motto 'nothing is impossible', Ross has become an inspiration for many of the ablebodied and disabled people in his community. Despite suffering a growth disorder Ross is a fundamental member of his local badminton club. He is dedicated to increasing the participation of disabled young people in sport and with volunteers his time to provide free tuition to make that happen. Ross sits on the Lothian Disability Forum and Young Person's Sports Panel; encouraging young people of all abilities to persevere with their chosen sport. Ross has been asked to represent Scotland at 4 national championships and hopes to do the same the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

MEGHAN FOY

JOHN PAUL ACADEMY_AGE 17_GLASGOW_SCOTLAND

Meghan has been volunteering for three years. She has a keen interest in sports and has used this to benefit other people. She has given up her own time volunteering after school at various clubs in order to support the young people and assist teachers and coaches. Meghan is also a Young Ambassador and represents her school a conferences within Glasgow City Council. Meghan makes younger pupils feel supported and more confident. She acts as a role model and motivates others to become more involved in sport and to lead a healthier lifestyle.

RACHEL GRAHAM

DOUGLAS ACADEMY AGE 17 MILNGAVIE SCOTLAND

Over the last three years Rachel has performed over 500 Satellite hours of volunteer work. This has included working with 'Riding for the Disabled Association', her school's Rights Respecting Association and the Eco and Fairtrade club. Rachel has adopted an innovative approach to fundraising, organising bush tucker trails and 'Sponge the Teacher' events. In total she has raised over £2,400 for charity. She also provides support to young girls in her local karate club and at her brownie unit helping them to achieve their disability awareness badge in association with the Riding for the Disabled Association

BRITTANY HAINING

PARK SCHOOL_AGE 17_KILMARNOCK_SCOTLAND

Brittany's story of overcoming confidence issues and low self-esteem is inspirational. After moving to her new school she became a highly respected member of her school community; gaining confidence through voluntary work supporting students at a primary school and nursery. Brittany also runs a lunch club for socially disadvantaged pupils; always prioritising the needs of those who need it most the most. Her dedication to improving the lives of others has earnt Brittany the role of Deputy Head Girl at Park School.

LIAM HARVEY

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION_AGE 13_BARRA_SCOTLAND

Liam has a strong sense of justice and a determination to help others who, from the age of seven has devoted his time to volunteering and fundraising for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Liam chose to support the RNLI following the death of his grandfather, who taught him the vital role that the RNLI play in keeping the community safe. The money Liam has raised has helped the Barra RNLI purchase vital lifesaving equipment. The fundraising event Liam has helped to run has become an annual event that has captured the hearts of the community and that the local residents always look forward to.

ADAM INNES

BARRHEAD HIGH SCHOOL_AGE 17_BARRHEAD_SCOTLAND

Adam has devoted over three years of his life to using sport to create positive change. Using his own initiative, Adam began a free running and gymnastics club and in so doing has helped to reduce the stigma of boys being involved in gymnastics in his local community. He has never missed a session and provides one-on-one support for all those in need. Adam also chairs a council which recognises positive achievement in his school. His community involvement has made him a positive role model and has been crucial in providing those who exhibit challenging behaviour opportunities to achieve success.

SIOBHAN KENNEDY

KEAR CAMPUS (CLYDESDALE SUPPORT BASE)_AGE 17_LESMAHAGOW_SCOTLAND

Siobhan has overcome significant adversity in her life and in doing so has become an inspirational young role model for her peers, many of whom have social, emotional and mental health issues at Clydesdale Support Base. She has transformed her life by focusing on achieving her qualifications and taking on a mentoring role for younger students which she has done without prompting. In the past Siobhan has had a poor school attendance but this has now risen to 95% and she is on track to achieve her SQA National 4 English and Maths.

MARTIN KEOWN

BRIDGING THE GAP_AGE 16_GLASGOW_SCOTLAND

Martin has an undeniable passion for helping people. For over two years he has been committed to 'Bridging the Gap'; a programme at his school that ensures students have a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. Inspired by his own mentor, Martin desired to motivate other young people and plays a significant role in mentoring and tutoring younger pupils. Martin is an asset to his school community and is a fantastic example of generosity, acceptance of others and has a passion for equality.

ELLIE LIVINGSTONE

WEST CALDER HIGH SCHOOL_AGE 13_WEST CALDER_SCOTLAND

Ellie is an inspiring young woman who has not let her Cerebral Palsy stop her from achieving her goals and giving back to others. She dedicates her time to 'Riding for Disabled' not only competing in national events but also fundraising for the group even when her illness prevents her from taking part. Over the last year Ellie has had three major operations which stopped her from riding yet continues to live with optimism and puts all of her effort into everything she does, including achieving her dream of riding in the Paralympics. Ellie inspires all with her motto "scars are tattoos with better stories".

MATTHEW MILBOURNE

KEAR CAMPUS (CLYDESDALE SUPPORT BASE)_AGE 17_LESMAHAGOW_SCOTLAND

Matthew is an inspiring young person who has worked hard to step away from the negative influences in his life, dramatically improve his school attendance and supporting his peers with their learning. He has been of invaluable support to one young person with behavioural issues; guiding him through school life and encouraging him to use positive behaviour. Matthew is a fantastic role model to all of his peers at school and has also increased his disabled uncle's quality of life by helping him to attend biker's meetings and rallies.

KIRA NOBLE

RADIO LOLLIPOP ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN EDINBURGH_AGE 13 EDINBURGH SCOTLAND

Kira has undergone intense medical treatment for Neuroblastoma; a cancer that is becoming increasingly prevalent in young people. Despite being just 11 years old when she was diagnosed with the condition, Kira's courageous attitude has inspired the lives of all around her. Whilst in hospital she offered support to other cancer sufferers and their families and raised awareness of her condition through social media. Kira is greatly admired by her entire school community who are delighted that she has gradually managed to come back into classes.

ANDREW

LOURDES SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE 16 GLASGOW SCOTLAND

By encouraging and enabling young people's participation in sport, Andrew has dedicated his free time to supporting many who have additional support needs. Through his own personal development class, Andrew formed strong relationships, helped to build self-esteem and improved the mental and physical wellbeing of vulnerable young learners. In addition, he has volunteered and fundraised for a local school for children with more severe difficulties. As a result of his outstanding work, Andrew was asked to speak at a national conference for educators. Growing in his own confidence, Andrew has really helped the integration of many young people into mainstream society.

ADVAITH SASTRY

DOUGLAS ACADEMY AGE 16 GLASGOW SCOTLAND

Over the last four years Advaith has been on a mission to give back to his local community volunteering with seven different organisations over four years. He has now completed over 300 volunteering hours achieving The Saltire Summit Award for outstanding contribution to volunteering. Advaith is an elected member of the Scottish Youth Parliament working with MPs and MSPs to create positive change for young people in Scotland. He has helped raise awareness of mental health issues, fundraised for the Yorkhill Children's Foundation and inspires others around him to get involved in volunteering.

JI STEVENSON

ST. VINCENT'S_AGE 11_GLASGOW_SCOTLAND

Ji has overcome a challenging past and now lives in permanent foster care. Despite this he has made an immeasurable difference to the life of another student at his school who has cerebral palsy, limited use of one arm and a splint on one leg. Ji supports his friend around school, helps him up when he falls and ensures he is always included and encouraged on the football pitch. Ji's support has made him an outstanding role model to others at his school and his teachers are delighted to be able to shine the spotlight on a student who is always so selfless with The Diana Award.

RHYS STRUTHERS

BO'NESS ACADEMY_AGE 16_BO'NESS_SCOTLAND

Rhys has been an exceptional member of Bo'ness Academy's Young Leader group. Despite suffering from an illness that causes him to suffer from severe pins and needles, fatigue and muscle weakness he has given over 200 hours of his time to bring sports to primary school pupils. Rhys has been instrumental in linking up over 200 young people with clubs in rugby, trampoline, cheerleading, basketball, tennis, jiu jitsu, taekwondo, dance and football and has also run a Sports Awards night for two years to recognise sporting success at his school.

AT YOUR SIDE

CASTLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL_AGED 12-13 PAISLEY SCOTLAND

At Your Side are passionate about providing peer support in their school and are committed to charitable causes. After one of the girls experienced family loss the group began an awareness campaign and have committed themselves to the support of other children experiencing family illness. They have worked closely with 'The British Young Citizen Award' organisation and the 'I Am Me' disability hate crime group. They have raised funds for a range of charities, contributed to the decrease of bullying incidents in their school and have made a positive impact on the transition process for students moving into secondary education.

BISHOPBRIGGS ACADEMY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

BISHOPBRIGGS ACADEMY_AGED 16-18 GLASGOW SCOTLAND

The work done by the Bishopbriggs Academy Community Volunteers is a story of youth empowerment beginning in 2014. Initially led by one of their teachers, the girls began volunteering at a local care home but upon their teacher's departure the girls took charge of the scheme that has helped build strong intergenerational relationships. They have become certified "Dementia Friends", speaking at dementia awareness events and even nominated for a national dementia award from Alzheimer's Scotland. They have shown that volunteering has a place in adolescent life and have changed the lives of many; becoming more confident and responsible citizens in the process.

BO'NESS ACADEMY YOUNG LEADERS

BO'NESS ACADEMY_AGED 12-17 GLASGOW SCOTLAND

The Bo'ness Young Leaders have revolutionised leadership within their school. They have ensured the wellbeing of many of their fellow pupils through a multitude of projects. In total these young people have devoted 400 hours of their time and helped over 200 fellow pupils. They have organised a Sportathon which raised over £2,000 to help improve sport facilities in their school and they have secured a local sports club's support which now offers free tuition to the school's pupils. The Bo'ness Young Leaders have inspired others to become young leaders and they themselves have developed into strong individuals in the process.

HILLPARK LCR BUDDY NETWORK

HILLPARK LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION RESOURCE_AGED 16-18 GLASGOW_SCOTLAND

The LCR Buddy Network have focused on befriending young people with autism, helping them build strong interpersonal relationships and are trusted role models who can listen, sympathise and offer sound advice on a range of issues and concerns. The group supports with schoolwork, run clubs and social activities and most importantly provide the shelter of safe and welcoming companionship for young people who can feel vulnerable in a school environment. The Buddies have helped increase self-esteem in pupils with autism, combatted a lack of social understanding and helped to integrate students with autism into mainstream school activities.

KILSYTH YPI WINNERS

CHRIS'S HOUSE_AGE 16_AIRDRIE_SCOTLAND

The Kilsyth YPI Winners are an inspirational group of young people who have dedicated their time to fundraising and raising awareness for Chris's House; a suicide prevention organisation. Having initially supported the charity as part of a Youth and Philanthropy Initiative at their school, the girls became incredibly committed to the cause; promoting their work to other organisations, building strong links with the organisation and raising £3600. The funds raised have been of significant benefit to Chris's House and have helped them to offer outreach suicide awareness raising sessions to local youth groups, organisations and schools.

MALAWI GROUP

WILLIAMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL_AGED 16-17 CLARKSTON_SCOTLAND

The fundraising efforts of Williamwood Malawi Group have been life-changing for the 1400 pupils who attend Ekwendeni Primary School in Malawi. By organising a variety of fundraising events including a race night, fashion show, Burns Supper and 'Malawi Week' the group raised an incredible £10,000 which has allowed for the renovation of 14 classrooms which were falling into a serious state of disrepair. The group have also inspired other students at their school to continue supporting Ekwendi by speaking about their experiences in assemblies.

SUBJECT BUDDYS

DALZIEL HIGH SCHOOL_AGED 17-18 MOTHERWELL_SCOTLAND

The Subject Buddies give up their free time each week to support STAR pupils (Set Targets, Achieve Results); vulnerable students who are identified as requiring having academic or social difficulties including young people who have struggled with the transition from primary to secondary school or those who lack self-esteem. The Buddies offer homework help, encourage them to get involved in extracurricular activities at school or give general emotional support. The Buddies' have gone the extra mile to support their peers and the scheme has had an impact on STAR pupils' attendance, confidence and future ambitions.

ROLL OF HONOUR

SOUTH EAST_

JORDAN BERRY

GRAVESEND GRAMMAR SCHOOL_AGE 17_GRAVESEND_SOUTH EAST

Jordan is a confident young person who gives up his time freely to make a difference to others and contribute to school life despite experiencing difficulties at home. He volunteers on a regular basis as a Geography mentor using his passion for the subject to improve the learning of others with one student stating that his support "really benefitted me in my Geography mocks". In 2014 Jordan saved the 1st Meopham Cub Pack from closing stepping up to take on their leadership where there was no adult leader – a position that no young person has done in the district scout group before.

MIA CIANO

MITCHAM TOWN COMMUNITY TRUST/SHINE MERTON_AGE 12_MITCHAM_SOUTH EAST

A true Shine ambassador, Mia she spends six hours a week offering younger children academic support and guidance. She volunteers on a number of Community Events as a steward and has supported the Shine project in a number of publicity campaigns by giving speeches and promoting the work that we do. Mia loves to have the opportunity to give back, spending over 300 hours of volunteering per year and offering study support to over 120 of the most disadvantaged pupils in Mitcham Town. As a Tutor and Peer Mentor Coordinator, she is an invaluable asset to the staff team at Shine.

ANDREW DANE

#ONELADSCHALLENGE_AGE 11_WYMERING_SOUTH EAST

One Lad's Challenge is the result of a 10 year old's dream to support The Fire Fighters Charity by visiting every single Fire Station in the UK over the past 2 years. The charity supports current and retired fire service personnel with health, financial and social interventions; including funding residential medical facilities. Andrew has overcome difficulties with autism to complete this challenge having struggled with both his literary and social skills but has gone on to raise £1800 having visited and met with fire fighters from 980 fire stations as well as raising a great deal of awareness for The Fire Fighters Charity.

BELLA FIELD

HAVEN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE_AGE 11_WOODFORD_SOUTH EAST

After losing her sister to cancer, Bella and her family received support from Haven House's bereavement services which has given her the confidence and resilience to embark on an incredible fundraising journey. She has helped to raise an incredible, £110,000 for Haven House Children's Hospice. To raise such an amount through bereavement is an astonishing achievement for anyone, but especially for Bella given her young age. Bella's fundraising has helped Haven House increase the number of life-limited children that the charity supports across a range of services, including planned respite, short break and end-of-life care, as well as services designed to improve emotional and physical wellbeing.

NATHAN FREEMAN

WORTHING & DISTRICT HARRIERS AGE 13 WORTHING SOUTH EAST

Nathan is a torchbearer for the sport wheelchair Racing in Worthing and uses every opportunity to raise awareness for the cause. Despite his disability, Nathan has never let it hold him back from taking part in sports, particularly Karate, Boccia and wheelchair basketball.

Not only is he dedicated to Wheelchair Racing, Nathan uses his time to promote inclusive sport in school, including officiating and coaching sessions and tournaments. He refuses to see his disability as any kind of a barrier; often saying "I am differently abled", With such drive and commitment, Nathan truly is inspiring the next generation of para athletes.

JONJO HEUERMAN*

FOR NANNY AND BOBBY (IN AID OF THE BOBBY MOORE FUND FOR CANCER RESEARCH AGE 15 DARTFORD SOUTH EAST

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NAFISA ISTAMI

TASIS THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN ENGLAND_AGE 17_THORPE_SOUTH EAST

A tireless fundraiser, Nafisa has worked with the TASIS World Issues Society for the past four years resulting in thousands of pounds being donated to worthwhile charities both locally and globally. Through theatre, she has mobilized her peers into action by taking the lead on flagship programmes such as Rags & Tags, the Diana Award Benefit Concert and the Walk for Water. Nafisa's dedication to the Preforming Arts as a medium for mobilising change, has left behind a wonderful legacy of service for those who follow in her footsteps.

HAYLEY MARGOLIS

TASIS THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN ENGLAND_AGE 18_THORPE_SOUTH EAST

In the past 4 years, Hayley has shown great vision using her artistic talents to raise awareness for the plight of human trafficking through her contribution to the NO Project and Artists for Social Change campaigns. She has been the driving force in local and global service initiatives: including distributing bags of rice to the disadvantaged in Israel, caring for children in need in Romania and speaking at a Global Issues Network conference about global infectious diseases. With a strong ambition to make the world a better place, Hayley is a true change-maker, humble yet immensely effective in mobilizing others and in achieving her goals.

CHLOE MATTHEWS

TOWNLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL_AGE 16_BEXLEYHEATH_SOUTH EAST

Over the past year Chloe's hard work and commitment to the charity Shine has raised their profile significantly allowing many more people to be aware of the exceptional work they do for individuals and their families affected by Cancer. Chloe has demonstrated incredible courage and shared her personal story, providing support for those in similar circumstances despite the challenges this has placed on her personally. She has also been determined and committed to raise money for this charity through organising a fundraising week at school, cake sales and raffles. An incredibly strong character, Chloe's commitment to shine should be admirable.

MEGAN MCCULLOCH

BOURNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE_AGE 17_SOUTHBOURNE_SOUTH EAST

Megan brought leadership and energy to her school community through her role as Chair of Bourne Community College's Charity Group. She committed time each week to bring together a team representing all year groups and coordinated year-round fundraising for international charity Children on the Edge. Megan initiated new events including a school-wide sports day with sports played in the countries where Children on the Edge operates and the Easter 'Children on the Egg' challenge. Megan has raised £1,471 which has gone towards providing education and safe spaces for refugee children living in camps in Lebanon and Bangladesh.

SARAH PAWLEY

COBNOR ACTIVITY CENTRE_AGE 16_CHIDHAM_SOUTH EAST

Sarah has dedicated her free time during school holidays and weekends for four years to support sailing and water-based activities for the disabled at The Cobnor Activity Centre. Having overcome her own battle with shyness she now also supports young people at her school who suffer from anxiety at lunch times and has developed her own confidence and social skills having done so. Sarah missed time at school due to suffering from severe allergies but has inspired others around her by working hard consistently to keep up with her studies and continues to give up her spare time to support others.

SCARLETT PERRIN

NOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND BRAINTREE SIXTH FORM_AGE 17_BRAINTREE_SOUTH EAST

Scarlett is a role model for staff and students alike at her school whether it is through her charity work for the Teenage Cancer Trust, in her roles as Head Girl and Student Governor or as a part of student council. She is also an excellent advocate for action equality and helps to raise awareness of mental health concerns in the school community. Inspired by a close friend who became ill in year ten, Scarlett has helped to organize two quiz nights for the Teenage Cancer Trust, and has helping to raise over £8000 for this worthy cause.

SCARLETT TAYLOR

INVICTA GRAMMAR SCHOOL AGE 15 MAIDSTONE SOUTH EAST

Scarlett has been running a biology club in school since Year 9. She has devised her own resources, sessions and gives awards to students for attendance and success. She has taken the initiative and affiliated the club with the Natural History Museum's 'Biota in a box' competition and even arranged a trip to the museum. This year, she is releasing the first edition of a new school publication intended to promote the love of science and has recently expanded her reach by forging links with three Kenyan primary schools as part of the Mikoko project which aims to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the mangrove forests.

THE YOUTH UNIVERSITY LEADERS

YOUTH UNIVERSITY_AGED 15-16 WORTHING SOUTH EAST

These 10 young people have been wonderful role models for the children of the Davison Youth University Programme, an out of school hours learning programme aimed at providing high quality, educational and fun activities for children aged 7-14 in the Worthing area. Bringing the community spirit, this group have selflessly volunteered nearly 850 hours, dedicating many Saturday mornings and holidays to support and inspire the younger children. During their time with the Youth University, the volunteers have really come into their own, placing their own feelings aside and shining with positivity, enthusiasm and friendliness.

ROLL OF HONOUR

SOUTH WEST_

JOSH BELL

WALLACE & GROMIT'S GRAND APPEAL_AGE 16_BRISTOL_SOUTH WEST

At the young age of 16, Josh has overcome incredible adversity in his lifetime including two open heart surgery operations, two foot operations and a stroke. To thank the Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal for his treatment, Josh selflessly fundraised an amazing £2,800 through art exhibitions, charity presentations, bag packing, sponsored swims and much more. His ambitions are to continue his fundraising in the future in order to improve the lives of others. Despite his own adversity, his pure determination has been truly inspirational and in the eyes of the Wallace and Gromit's grand Appeal, he 'is a true fundraising hero.'

JONATHAN BRYAN*

COMMUNICATION AND LEARNING ENTERPRISES LIMITED_AGE 11 WILTSHIRE SOUTH WEST

A tireless campaigner and advocate for people with disabilities, Jonathan is nothing short of inspirational. Unable to speak, Jonathan communicates via a spelling board attached to a piece of perspex, with his communication partner reading his gaze to each letter. Through this groundbreaking system he is able to communicate to construct words, sentences, paragraphs, and whole pieces of writing, including an incredibly insightful and thought-provoking article for The Guardian in January this year. Jonathan believes passionately that everyone should have the opportunity to learn literacy, regardless of their condition and has worked tirelessly to change the way students with complex disabilities are educated. His blog www.eyecantalk.net inspires thousands of people every day. His petition #TeachUsToo, which urges the government to reform the special needs curriculum so that all disabled children have the opportunity to access literacy, has over 186,000 signatures.

AMY CURTIS

UPS AND DOWNS SOUTHWEST AGE 9 BRIDGWATER SOUTH WEST

Amy has been a strong advocate for raising awareness for people with Down Syndrome and breaking down social barriers on what they are able to achieve. Inspired by her sister April, who was born with Down Syndrome, Amy has taken it upon herself to ensure that other families receive the vital support that her family had received after the birth of April. Joining her sister Lauryn to fundraise over £2000 to support Ups and Downs Southwest, Amy has shown tremendous commitment to the cause at such a young age with a promising future ahead.

LAURYN CURTIS

UPS AND DOWNS SOUTHWEST_AGE 13_BRIDGWATER_SOUTH WEST

Following the birth of her sister April, who was born with Down Syndrome, Lauryn has dedicated the past 3 years to rasing awareness and fundraising over £2000 for the cause. Through her incredible work, she has enabled Ups and Downs Southwest to run a pre-school littlies group for children with Down Syndrome, giving families a place where they can come and share the highs and lows of having a child with Down Syndrome. Alongside her sister Amy, her mission is to show the world what people with Down Syndrome can and are achieveing incredible things.

RHIANNON DEAMER

TEENAGE CANCER TRUST_AGE 17_BRISTOL_SOUTH WEST

At the age of 14, Rhiannon was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia. Battling the cancer for a year however didn't take away her spirit and she was determined to turn her experience into a passion for making a difference. Working with the Teenage Cancer Trust to raise awareness, fundraise and educate her peers, Rhiannon has spent the past 3 years selflessly working to encourage early diagnosis and raise awareness for the signs and symptoms of teenage cancer. Reaching thousands of young people with her education programme and speaking out about her experiences, Rhiannon is a remarkable young lady who is really making a difference.

MADISON GLINSKI

TRURO SCHOOL_AGE 11_TRURO_SOUTH WEST

Madison began fundraising from the age of five after she was deeply affected after seeing startling images of children from developing countries through the media. Maddison spent a year appealing for donations and collected enough to convince her parents to take her to Africa where she spent her Christmas handing out the donations. Since then, Maddison has fundraised tirelessly for the Little Harbour Hospice busking on the streets and building a social media presence so big that she has raised £50,000. Madison doesn't intend to stop her support and, after taking a break to prepare for secondary school, aims to increase this astounding amount to £75,000.

ELLIE HOLLEY

SOUTH GLOS. YOUNG CARERS_AGE 14_BRISTOL_SOUTH WEST

Since the age of just four, Ellie has cared for her brother who has Asperger's Syndrome, learning Makaton sign language in order to communicate with him. Inspired by her personal experience, she has worked with The Young Carers Voice to help support other young carers in her local community. She has influenced strategic policy and raised awareness for the needs of young carers in her community, in education and among professionals. As an inspirational role model and leader, Ellie takes it on herself to share her story and be the first to take that 'extra step' to convey the importance of supporting the cause.

LUCY JARRETT

PETROC_AGE 18_TIVERTON_SOUTH WEST

Despite working long hours and attending college full time Lucy cares for her sister and niece. This includes staying up two nights a week to look after her baby niece so that her sister can sleep. Lucy campaigns to raise awareness of epilepsy and the impact it has on its sufferers and her work has meant that thousands of people have been provided with clear information on how to support an epileptic sufferer, how to care for them and how to spot the warning signs. Lucy has an exceptional attitude towards learning, and her sister credits her as a dedicated, hard working, person who is always there for her, and always puts others before herself.

MAX MORRISON

PENHALIGON'S FRIENDS AGE 11 REDRUTH SOUTH WEST

Max became a regular member of Penhaligon's Friends, a child bereavement charity for young people who receive support after personal tragedy. Through the years Max has grown to use his own experience to benefit others who are facing similar situations. He has grown to have an incredibly positive attitude and is passionate about ensuring child bereavement services are available to those who need them. Whether he is bravely speaking about his experience one on one with a peer or publicly to the wider community, he is an incredible ambassador for the charity and a positive force for other young people experiencing loss.

PEER MENTORS

CAREFREE_AGED 15-18 REDRUTH_CORNWALL

The Peer Mentors use their experience of living in care to help other young people living in care through educational activities and by offering support and guidance during challenging aspects of their lives. They take on positions of leadership, facilitate activities and ensure that the young people have the best possible experience from the service provided at Carefree. The Peer Mentors act as positive role models to their mentees by modelling appropriate behaviour. Through their work they alleviate a great deal of pressure from the youth workers at Carefree.

NICHOLAS NIKIFOROU*

HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS_AGE 11 WESTON-SUPER-MARE_SOUTH WEST

Nicholas was born with a large congenital melanocytic nevus. This is classified under the Disability Act and medical terminology as 'disfigurement' which Nicholas strongly disagrees with, advocating for facial equality. He is passionate about promoting that 'it is what is on the inside that counts'. In addition to campaigning for facial equality, Nicholas has raised funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital where he has received treatment since infancy. After watching the film It's A Wonderful Life Nicholas immediately connected with its message; that people can have impact on others through the smallest of gestures. This, alongside his passion for art and helping others influenced his card initiative. Nicholas prints hundreds of his own art pieces onto postcards which he physically hands out to the public to advocate for kindness and equality.

THE COMMUNITY LEADERS

COOMBESHEAD ACADEMY_AGED 15-17 NEWTON ABBOT_SOUTH WEST

The Community Leaders have given their time generously to maintain the well-being and happiness of their peers at Coombeshead Academy. The group lead the school's anti-bullying initiatives; campaigning through assemblies, designing anti-bullying resources and providing a drop-in safe space service at lunch times. The group gained widespread recognition from the entire school community following a targeted campaign to cut down discriminatory language use. The Community Leaders are inspirational ambassadors for positive behaviour amongst their peers with a growing number of students at the school aspiring to become involved.

ROLL OF HONOUR

WALES_

RHIANNON BARTLETT

ST JOHN CYMRU WALES_AGE 18_CARDIFF_WALES

In 2013 Rhiannon was nominated as National Cadet of the Year with St. John's Wales. During this time she decided to increase awareness of the dangers faced by working farmers. Rhiannon achieved this by creating training resources aimed at educating young people in first aid tailored towards working practices on farms. In order to implement this programme Rhiannon raised over £2,500 and has even managed to make the programme international by taking it to Hong Kong. Her hard work has inspired others to become young ambassadors for St. John's Wales.

RYAN CREWE-REES

VOLUNTEERING MATTERS AGE 18 TORFAEN WALES

Ryan has been extremely dedicated to ensuring that other young people learn about sexual health issues. He works with Volunteering Matters on their "Sex Matters Too" project and delivers workshops around sexual health, sexual exploitation and healthy relationships. Alongside designing and delivering workshops himself Ryan helps young people to develop their own peer led workshops; broadening the positive impact that he has made on young people in his local community. Ryan is described by Volunteering Matters as "an asset to the project and organisation".

ELLEN DAVIES

CEFN SAESON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL_AGE 14_CIMLA_WALES

Ellen is a founding member of her school's equal rights club and is a passionate and dedicated campaigner. She is a highly vocal member of her School Council, participating in assemblies and education programmes related to equal rights for women and the LGBT community. Ellen has been asked to represent the school on the County Youth Mental Health Consortium and also supports others through cadets and her local choir and orchestra groups. Ellen is a peer mentor for younger pupils and has delivered safe social media usage practice workshops to over 500 primary school students.

TYLER EDWARDS

YSGOL UWCHRADD PEN Y DRE AGE 14 GURNOS WALES

Tyler has shown true strength and heroism in the face of family loss. A dream Tyler shared with her parents was to climb Pen y Fan to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Research. She led school assemblies, met with charity representatives, organised promotional materials, and fundraising resources to carry out the walk with her family and 25 friends from school. Tyler completed the climb and raised over £1,250 for the charity. Following further family loss Tyler raised £5,000 for charities including the British Heart Foundation. Tyler has shown true selflessness even providing mentoring to other students experiencing family bereavement.

ELAN MÔN GILFORD*

YSGOL DYFFRYN OGWEN_AGE 17_BANGOR_WALES

Elan is a truly inspirational selfless young person who has been volunteering to ensure inclusion in sport for the past five years. Elan has achieved high levels of personal success in her own sporting pursuits and works hard to pass on the benefits of sport to others. She has spent over 1,500 hours volunteering, coaching, umpiring and running classes; ensuring equal opportunities for all regardless of ability. Her passion and dedication has inspired many in her community and her involvement has increased participation in sports in the catchment areas of Gwynedd and Anglesey.

ABBY JONES

ST JOHN CYMRU WALES (MERTHYR VALE ABERFAN DIVISION)_AGE 15 MERTHYR VALE_WALES

Abby's dedication to the support of others in her life whilst coping with family health issues is truly inspirational. Through St John Cymru Wales she gives up her free time to support the fundraising division, to volunteer with the badger group and provide First Aid cover at public events. At school she is Head Girl where she has been involved in the appointment of new staff members including the new Headteacher and represents her peers at events such as the 50th anniversary of The Aberfan disaster where she met Prince Charles.

BETHANY LAMB

FIXERS_AGE_18_WINCHESTER_WALES

After missing months of schooling on account of her own battle with anxiety, Bethany raises awareness about mental health issues to help other young people. She joined forces with youth voice charity Fixers to help schools identify the symptoms of anxiety so they can then give pupils appropriate support. She is passionate about young people receiving support for anxiety and has launched her own campaign providing them with a help line that they can contact any time should they experience distress. Bethany's social media campaign has been highly successful with one of her campaign posts reaching over 15,000 people.

GEORGIA MILLS

ST JOHN CYMRU WALES AGE 17 CARDIFF WALES

Georgia is St John Cymru Wales' National Cadet of The Year for 2016 and Chair of the National Cadet Group representing young people across Wales at a national level. As well as dedicating a large amount of her free time to provide First Aid cover and support the elderly; Georgia's main priority has been to ensure that First Aid training is inclusive nationally with a particular focus on children and young people with special educational needs. Georgia's colleagues describe her as a "credit to the organisation whose selflessness has had an enormous impact on the lives of children and young people on a national level".

MERCY NGULUBE*

CHILDREN'S HIV ASSOCIATION (CHIVA) _AGE 18 CARDIFF WALES

Mercy is a courageous social activist who has used her own personal painful experience of stigma and discrimination to drive her commitment and pursuit of equality for young people living with HIV. Mercy is the current Chair of the Children's HIV Association's Youth Committee and uses this role to drive campaigns on behalf of young people living with HIV. She is praised for representing CHIVA and the wider community of young people living with HIV with professionalism, realism, humour, passion and intelligence. Mercy also uses the CHIVA Twitter account and her own activist account to correct online misinformation about HIV and challenge negativity and ignorance. In July 2016, Mercy spoke to HRH Prince Harry at the International HIV Conference in Durban South Africa about how HIV is portrayed in society and the media, and how together they could combat the stigma.

MEG OWEN

PENYRHEOL TRECENYDD ENERGLYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL_AGE 17_SENGHENYDD_WALES

Passionate about young people having their voices heard, Meg began her journey as a Youth Ambassador by signing up for the 'Big Sister' scheme which focused on encouraging young girls to participate in sports. Her passion and enthusiasm for young people ultimately got her elected as Head Girl and the Energlyn Community Council's first Youth Ambassador. Meg uses her platform to promote the services of Police community officers and to represent the interests of young people in her community.

IMOGEN PEACH-MASON

CHEPSTOW SCHOOL AGE 17 CHEPSTOW WALES

Already honoured as 'Youth Volunteer of the Year', Imogen has worked tirelessly to improve the learning experiences of SEN students. Her commitment to the cause has been tireless; even dedicating her free time to learning sign language and devising a dictionary for the hard of hearing. Additionally, Imogen has spent months volunteering with organisations such as Mencap and Building Bridges which support young people through extracurricular activities, and Changing Minds who work to decrease the stigma of mental health issues. Imogen is a truly selfless individual who seizes any opportunity to give back to her community.

RUBY RICE

BRYNTEG SCHOOL AGE 14 BRIDGEND WALES

In addition to her responsibilities as a young carer to her disabled mother, Ruby is a dedicated volunteer at a club for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Global Development Delay and associated difficulties such as anxiety, self-esteem and behavioural issues. Ruby gives up her weekends and holidays to help the children relate and engage with the world around them. She has made a huge impact on the young people with some of the most challenging behaviour at the camp.

ROSEMARY SQUIRES

THE ROOTS FOUNDATION WALES_AGE 10_SWANSEA_WALES

Rosemary is a young person living in kinship care who's caring nature and ability to empathise with others living in care knows no bounds. Rosemary is an active member of The Roots Foundation support network and acts as a spokesperson and ambassador for the organisation. She is an outstanding leader and is part of The Roots Foundation Young Person's Committee which she takes part in with great pride at all times.

MEGAN THORNE

DREAMS COME TRUE_AGE 15_PONTYPRIDD_WALES

Megan is a passionate supporter of Dreams Come True - a charity that enriches the lives of children and young people with serious and life-limiting illnesses that has been of great support to her sister who was born with cerebral palsy. She has campaigned for the charity gaining support from her school and local businesses and is actively involved in fundraising for them. Megan has referred young people to Dreams Come True who have gone on to receive 'Dreams' from them and has a particularly special relationship with her sister for whom she is a pillar of support.

HARRI WILLIAMS

CONWY YOUTH SERVICE_AGE 15_LLANDUDNO_WALES

Harri acts as a young carer for his father who has stage four dementia and is highly dedicated to helping others at school and the wider community. He helps delivering weekly lunchtime football sessions at Ysgol y Gogarth special school and coordinates sport sessions to over 40 Conway Young Carers like himself. His support allows young people who normally find it challenging to access leisure activities to play sports, preventing them from feeling isolated. Harri is an inspiring young person whose dedication to supporting disadvantaged young people makes him a role model to all around him.

JORDAN WILLIAMS

PONTYPRIDD HIGH SCHOOL_AGE 16_PONTYPRIDD_WALES

Jordan has dedicated over twelve months of his time to lead the restoration of a children's memorial garden and to help with the reconstruction of homes for Syrian refugees in his local community. With Jordan's support, those grieving for the loss of young loved ones have a place to find peace and families who have survived the turmoil of the crisis in Syria now have a place of shelter. Jordan's generosity has been contagious and he even convinced local businesses to donate the materials needed for both projects. Jordan has also been a positive mentor in his school; aiding younger students who assisted him in the projects to attain their Construction qualifications.

RHODRI'S RANGERS

BLAEN-Y-MAES PRIMARY SCHOOL_AGED 10-11 SWANSEA WALES

The Rhodri's Rangers are a group of primary school students who aspire to make a difference to school life and improve the wellbeing of their peers. They have given up countless playtimes helping those without friends and raising awareness of bullying. The Rangers have written their own child-friendly anti-bullying policy and their research into improving school life has been recognised by Swansea University. In an area characterised by anti-social behaviour the Rhodri's Rangers have reduced conflict in their school, given others confidence and become role models for younger students.

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

LEWIS GIRLS' SCHOOL_AGED 15-16 CAERPHILLY_WALES

The Lewis Girl's Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been working together for three years creating a positive and caring environment for their peers. They are dedicated to their cause; they have led lessons and assemblies, initiated and led anti-bullying activities during anti-bullying week and worked as mentors to individual pupils. They also advise staff on actions such as how to meet the needs of pupils more effectively and contribute to the regular anti-bullying policy review. Their work makes a vital difference to the school community, as these girls understand the issues facing their peers. The group regularly inspires others through their actions and are highly valued members of the school community, both by pupils, staff and governors.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS & PARTICIPATION GROUP (#IAMME)

CITY & COUNTY OF SWANSEA_AGED 13-18 SWANSEA_WALES

#lamme are an incredible group of young people who have made a significant contribution to ensuring that the voice of looked after children is represented. They meet each week to work on projects focused around creating a safe space for looked after children to socialise and to educate and advise one another on issues that face them. The group host an annual awards ceremony in Swansea and have recognised over 400 young people for achievements in education, social action, sports and community building. They are ambassadors and role models for looked after young people and an inspiration to everyone around them.

ROLL OF HONOUR

WEST MIDLANDS_

CONNOR EVANS

PARTICIPATION SERVICE - COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL_AGE 15 COVENTRY_WEST MIDLANDS

Connor is an active member the Voices of Care Council in Coventry representing the children and young people within the care system in his community, with the aim of improving services and outcomes for children in care. When Connor applied for a Passport to Leisure card only to realise that because he's in care and didn't have an adult to sign for him he wasn't allowed one, he took a petition to the City Council. Connor was successful in changing the policy, ensuring that young people in residential care are entitled to Passport to Leisure cards, thanks to his hard work, young people who are in care in Coventry will now have better access to Leisure facilities.

MAYA GHAZAL*

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY _AGE 18 BIRMINGHAM WEST MIDLANDS

Maya is both a role model and a compelling spokesperson for young refugees and migrants across the UK. Travelling from Damascus in Syria, Maya arrived in the UK in September 2015 where she was reunited with her father, who was forced to leave their family home and embark on a dangerous journey to find safety 15 months earlier. Since arriving Maya has faced many hurdles, including not speaking any English. Through her determination and passion for making a difference she has not only learned English, but is also excelling in her education – recently gaining a place to study Aviation Engineering with Pilot Studies at Brunel University. In addition to this she has worked to ensure that young refugees' voices are heard, speaking at events across the country, to educate audiences on the hidden dangers faced by young refugees and migrants

OLIVIA IQBAL

BARR BEACON SCHOOL AGE 17 WALSALL WEST MIDLANDS

Olivia is dedicated to supporting a range of charitable causes. Her main focus is her work with Pure Hearts; a charity that aims to empower and educate young women to become leaders in the future, where she supports training sessions in safe social media use, prevention of grooming and abuse and improving family relationships. Olivia also fundraises for Pure Hearts and her sixth form's chosen charities, she volunteers as a maths tutor and has become involved in an outreach programme for young people from ethnic minorities alongside her local police force.

MATTHEW THOMAS

KIDDERMINSTER & DISTRICT YOUTH TRUST_AGE 18_KIDDERMINSTER_WEST MIDLANDS

Matthew volunteers for Kidderminster & District Youth Trust and has supported young people experiencing bullying, helping them to increase their self-esteem and confidence, encouraging young people to make positive choices and supporting them in getting their voices heard; young people trust and respect him. In addition to being a support for young people at the charity Matthew also, fundraises, plans events, delivers programmes, films promotional videos and volunteers. Although Matthew has dealt with his own significant challenges in life, he still finds the strength and courage to turn his experiences around and help young people.

ROLL OF HONOUR

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER_

JEMIMA BROWNING*

TADCASTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL _AGE 16 TADCASTER_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

Jemima has dedicated countless hours of her time to improving the lives of young people with disabilities through her highly successful Stingrays Swimming Club. Inspired by her brother who has Down's syndrome, Jemima is passionate about ensuring all young people with a disability are given access to opportunities to keep fit in a fun and stimulating environment. In addition to the swimming club, Jemima also leads Project Unify in her school where she has been involved in securing funding to implement sporting activity. She has also been appointed to the European Youth Activation Committee to represent the Special Olympics in Great Britain and travelled to Frankfurt to take part in her first Special Olympics Europe Eurasia Inclusive Youth Activation Committee.

HAMEED BABURI

MATHER ROAD CHILDRENS HOME_AGE 17_SHEFFIELD_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

Walking nearly three thousand miles to reach the UK, this incredible young person has overcome devastating circumstances in order to escape Afghanistan as an asylum seeker to find safety. He has experienced war, public executions, family deaths and injury and death threats from the Taliban. Separated from his mother and family, Hameed has built a life in the UK as a positive mature role model, educating and inspiring all those around him. Despite never having been to a school in Afghanistan Hameed has learnt to speak English. He has inspired everybody with his courage and bravery.

ROSIE GREGSON

HEADLANDS SCHOOL AGE 14 BRIDLINGTON YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

Rosie is part of the Peer mentoring team that she started at her school in the hopes of helping others and making a difference. She goes above and beyond to help, support and be a friend to younger, vulnerable students whether it is with her own designated mentee or with other young people at school. Rosie gives up every lunch, break and morning before school to spend time in our Peer Mentoring room and is known as a model mentor as she is polite, trustworthy and approachable, yet also confident. She has also taken part in anti-bullying training and helps the local cadets in her free time.

MOHAMAD KHALIL

LEEDS CITY ACADEMY AGE 15 LEEDS YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

A Syrian refugee forced to flee the war when he was just 10 years old, Mohamad has overcome incredible adversity in his lifetime including being shot in the thigh during an attack at his school. Learning English, he has used his experience to inspire and mobilise his peers into taking action and recognise the hardship faced by refugees. He has built social action projects to show the struggles faced by children caught in war torn countries and has coordinated presentations on the issue. Mohamad is always happy to share his experiences, selflessly supporting his family where possible.

LECHELLE PEART

LEEDS EAST ACADEMY_AGE 11_LEEDS_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

Diagnosed with Osteogenesis Imperfecta at birth, Lechelle refuses to allow any mobility difficulties hold her back. Every day she models a positive mental attitude, shows resilience and works to the best of her ability even achieving 98% attendance at school. Dedicated to supporting The Family Fund through fundraising, Lechelle is keen to ensure that those with a disability have access to the equipment they need to make their day to day tasks easier. A true champion for supporting those around her and giving back, Lechelle should be very proud of her achievements.

MARGARIDA

FREDERICK GOUGH SCHOOL_AGE 15_SCUNTHORPE_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

Margarida has gone above the call of duty in her role as a volunteer and peer mentor at school for the past three years. She has supported a group of mentors for the school's antibullying team who take the lead on the school's antibullying activities including a lunchtime drop-in service and a confidential advice email service. Margarida has supported pupils with their studies and been involved in the school's Year 6 induction programme. She has been an active antibullying campaigner in her school leading and delivering assemblies around positive behavior and has even played a part in her school's video on mentoring.

KAYLEIGH SUGDEN

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION, HEART SURGERY UNIT AT LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY AGE 13_LEEDS_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

Kayleigh had open heart surgery as a baby and from the age of 6 has supported the British Heart Foundation and the Children's Heart Surgery Unit at Leeds General Infirmary. She has raised over £8000 through fundraising events including raffles, a zumbathon and other sponsored events. Kayleigh's work has funded better facilities, research, training and resources for the organisations that she has supported and she her dedication and pro-active approach to fundraising has been an inspiration to both staff and students at her school.

IMRAN UL HAQ

GRANGE TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE_AGE 17_BRADFORD_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

Imran is an inspirational student and a role model to school staff, students and the wider community. He has mentored and supported many of his peers over the years and his input has resulted in many of them reporting enhanced confidence and raised their aspirations. Imran's selfless commitment and passion to help others has also led to him overseeing the student leadership team and coordinating their campaigns including the school's WE Rafiki, NCS, Lord Mayor's Appeal along with many other school and community initiatives.

E-SAFETY CHAMPIONS

WATH COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL_AGED 12-15 ROTHERHAM YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

The Wath Comprehensive E-safety Champions are one of a kind. Their innovative ideas have changed the face of online safety for everyone in our school including staff and parents. Giving up hours of their time after school, they have created a whole school film about online dangers, leaflets about staying safe online for parents and for our feeder primary schools. They are currently in the process of designing online tutorials about safer social networking for our school website. Inspired by the rise in students becoming vulnerable on social media, this group have taken it upon themselves to educate others and change the situation.

LEYS FARM JUNIOR BUDDIES

LEYS FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL_AGED 10-11 SCUNTHORPE_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

The Leys Farm Junior buddies play an important role in school, helping their peers and staff where needed. They are excellent role models to everyone in school and they all work tirelessly to ensure that the school is a safe and happy place for everyone. Through anti-bullying week, the buddies raised enough money through cake sales to ensure that every child in the school could but a 'Power for Good' wristband. They have also worked hard to lead anti-bullying sessions in each classroom, talking about bullying and how to tackle it. This dedicated team have inspired their peers, growing in confidence.

MCAULEY BUDDIES

MCAULEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL_AGED 12-18 DONCASTER YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

The McAuley Buddies are a committed group of caring young people who devote their free time to support their fellow students. Their anti-bullying and peer mentoring work promote themes of kindness, compassion and service throughout the school. The Buddies organise special events and activities during the year and also make themselves available every day at break and lunchtime to provide drop-in sessions for additional student support. They support both staff and students by attending open evenings where they reassure parents and students who have any concerns. The generosity and dedication of McAuley Buddies is an inspiration to everyone in the school community.

PEER MENTORS

HEADLANDS SCHOOL_AGED 15-16
BRIDLINGTON_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

The Peer Mentors provide essential support, encouragement and advice to the school's younger and more vulnerable students and are ambassadors of the school's anti-bullying policy. They escort students to lessons, spend lunch and breaks offering friendship and advice in the Peer Mentor room and make themselves available to any student who may need guidance through issues of bullying or isolation. The Peer Mentors also give up their own free time to support the school at parent's evenings, open evenings and other events and are looked up to as positive role models by their peers.

ST MARY'S MENSTON BAMBISANANI TEAM 2016

ST MARY'S MENSTON_AGED 17-18 MENSTON_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

The St. Mary's participated in The Bambisanani Partnership visit to South Africa, colaborating to promote education, leadership, health and global understanding. The group volunteered in the extremly deprived region of Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa, holding one of the highest HIV/AIDs rates across the world with 90% of the population facing unemployment. Helping over 400 students in the Primary School to develop literacy and working at an orphanage, the group also used sport as a catalyst to deliever their Leadership Programme. The St. Mary's students have made a great difference to lives so many South African people.

THE ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

COPLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL_AGED 8-10 DONCASTER_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have changed the lives of both staff and students at their school following Anti-Bullying training with The Diana Award. The group have taken the lead on anti-bullying activities; running workshops and events and a playground patrol that has made the entire playground a safe space to play for all. Through the dedication of the Anti-bullying Alliance the school now has a clear youth led vision for anti-bullying and last year the school was awarded the Doncaster Platinum Anti-Bullying Charter Mark as a result of the policies and practices that the group have worked so hard to put in place.

THE LIONESSES

BASIS YORKSHIRE_AGED 15-18 LEEDS YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

The group have dedicated their time every week for 12 months to tackle the issue of sexual exploitation of young people. Their project has involved the creation of an art exhibition and co-creation of a film 'Breaking Through' to offer advice on best practice amongst professionals and to challenge stereotypes amongst the public. The focus of the group's efforts has been on raising awareness and reducing the fear of victim blaming amongst young people which can prevent them from speaking out.

THE WORLABY BUDDIES

WORLABY ACADEMY_AGED 9-11 BRIGG_YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

The Worlaby Buddies are a group of inspiring young people who aim to make a difference to the lives of everyone at school by creating a Bully Free Zone. They organsie themeslves through a playground rota, to ensure that a buddy is always able to support others who are feeling unhappy or lonely. On a questionnaire to parents, 100% of them agreed that their children felt safe at school and in the pupil questionnaire 98% agreed that they felt safe at school. Leading assemblies and school activities, the buddies have continued to inpire their peers by demonstrating what they do best.

NOMINATE FOR_THE 2018 DIANA AWARD

Do you know a young person who is selflessly transforming the lives of others?

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20 of the 2018 Diana Award Holders will be selected to win the prestigious Legacy Award next year. Good luck!