



CONNOR TOMLINSON #iwill



Connor Tomlinson, 17 years old

From: Cranleigh, England

CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Humility/Modesty | Leadership | Compassion, Resilience & Perseverance | Determination | Community Awareness

#iwill ... continue to fight for the voices of young people in our society, using social action to encourage them into local decision making and promote youth political engagement.

At the age of 13, I became a Peer Mentor before becoming Chair of Student Council the following year, and Head Boy the year after. This involved fundraising, campaigning on student welfare and volunteering at community events such as in my local community centre.

I got involved in social action in order to make a positive difference to the young people in my community, and to represent their views in decision-making. I joined Surrey Volunteer Police Cadets to influence the perception young people have of the Police, and promote youth engagement.

Balancing full-time education, a part-time job and

volunteering can have its difficulties, especially when some events mean travelling long distances, but ultimately I find it's worth it to give back, and gain immeasurably.

During my volunteering journey, due to my experience in youth social action, I joined the British Red Cross as an Inspired Action Ambassador & Youth Engagement Support Worker. I now regularly campaign and fundraise in my role as Member of Youth Parliament for Surrey. I continue volunteering through Surrey Volunteer Police Cadets, frequently attending community policing events across the county. I hold a number of voluntary positions with various charities, including the British Red Cross and StudentVoice UK.

"My social action has allowed me to develop my leadership skills and compassion, as well as building experience in campaigning and communications."

Organisations I've Participated With:

Glebelands School, Surrey Volunteer Police Cadets, British Red Cross, StudentVoice UK

