

GORDON EDWARDS

#iwill

CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Communication | Self-discipline | Social Justice | Trust |
Courage



*Gordon Edwards, 18 years old
From: Livingstone, Scotland*

*#iwill ... continue to lobby
for youth voice when it comes
to designing health services.*

Before moving to Scotland, I first got involved in social action via being part of the Volunteer Police Cadets back in Lancashire. Whilst there, I volunteered my time to support young people in my community as well as adults with severe learning disabilities.

Taking part in social action motivated me each week to get involved, which gave me the opportunities to overcome being socially isolated, and to make new friends.

I am very passionate about the rights of children and young people, particularly in regards to access to adequate mental health services provisions. I have recently campaigned and promoted petitions in order

to lobby for better mental health provision for young people across Scotland. This has included taking part in a government mental health strategy review, or lobbying charities and service providers in health and social care on how to improve.

*"Doing social action prevents isolation,
and helps me make new friends and
connections"*

Organisations I've Participated With:

Volunteer Police Cadets, Scottish Association for Mental Health