



NICHOLAS LINFOOT

#iwill



*Nicholas Linfoot, 19 years old
From: Newcastle, England*

CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Compassion | Self-discipline | Citizenship | Social Justice |
Hope/Optimism

#iwill ... promote social action as an important part of the jobs market and commercial world. Showing to employers that social action is important both to young people, and the future of their companies.

I first started doing social action when I raised both money and awareness for JDRF and about Diabetes soon after I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the age of 13. At the same time, I was also involved with social action in my school, working as a Peer Mentor and a Reading Mentor, for which I was given a special commendation for mentoring a recent immigrant.

I went on to volunteer with my Church's children's group, helping the young people from some of the most deprived areas in the UK develop and flourish. This gave me managerial experience and experience planning sessions to cater to a broad variety of needs.

I've found social action difficult sometimes because of

where I'm located. In Newcastle there is a high degree of poverty but few resources are concentrated there. As such, much of my social action has been located in London or in Oxford, places where it costs a lot for me to travel to or live, to a point where I am sure many could not afford them.

I wanted to get involved in social action more broadly, especially at University, because I was aware of the privileges and advantages I had in my life and I wanted to not just give back but to serve. Also, I am passionate about the boundless capacity that children have to learn and to achieve. I am now a Trustee for a local charity, Chairman of an environmental group at University, and President of UniTED OxMAK which links to projects in Uganda alongside my involvement with many other charities.

"Having gained skills through getting involved in social action, I am even more passionate about promoting it to others so that even more people get the chance to develop them too."

Organisations I've Participated With:

JDRF, Gosforth Academy, my Church's children's group, Cowley Road Works, Teach Green, UniTED OxMAK, Oxford University, Diabetes UK, Mentor, Salvation Army

