



# RAY WANG

# #iwill



*Ray Wang, 19 years old  
From: Lowestoft, England*

## CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Leadership | Community Awareness | Confidence |  
Citizenship | Co-operation

**#iwill** ... continue to work to support, promote and develop social action and young engagement opportunities for young people in order to raise aspirations and empower young people to make a difference to their local communities.

I was 15 when I joined Waveney Youth Council, a district wide youth organisation working with secondary schools, FE colleges and public sector partners following my election as Head Boy of Ormiston Denes Academy. I was responsible for organising the annual district-wide National Youth Takeover Day and went on to lead on the Transition Ambassador Project, which aims to improve the experience of transition between primary to secondary schools, and on to further education, through training 200 students as Transition Ambassadors.

In school I led a Student Leadership Team of over 100 students, and developed the Community Bakery Project, where students at the academy would bake cakes and share afternoon tea with the elderly in local residential homes and

also adults with learning disabilities. This project was highly successful and is still on-going as part of the academy's enrichment programme, helping to promote community cohesion and improve the mental health wellbeing of the service users.

As Board Member for the East Suffolk Partnership, I currently oversee the £50000 Youth Holiday Activities Fund for East Suffolk, which empowers a panel of young people to deliver activities for other young people in their area.

I felt it was important to make a difference to my local community, and also help create, promote, and champion opportunities for my peers which would raise aspirations.

*"I got involved in social action as I wanted to help turn what historically has been tokenistic youth engagement across the district into tangible youth-led change."*

### Organisations I've Participated With:

Waveney Youth Council, Ormiston Denes Academy, Community Bakery Project, UKYP's Make Your Mark, Access Community Trust, East Suffolk Partnership, NCS

