



# SIMEON WAKELY

# #iwill



*Simeon Wakely, 20 years old  
From: Taunton, England*

## CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Community Awareness | Creativity | Hope/Optimism |  
Resilience, Perseverance & Determination | Confidence

**#iwill ... tell other young people about the benefits I have gained from campaigning and how it has allowed me to challenge stereotypes, which will encourage them to begin their own youth social action campaigns.**

I campaign with Fixers to get more disability sports shown on television. As someone who has been playing wheelchair basketball for the last eight years, I know that being in a team, being around people who understand what you are going through, is very important. I am campaigning for more disabled sports to be shown on TV, so that more people realise that despite having a disability, we can still do stuff that we want to do. It would also create more opportunities for people to participate in sport.

I have spina bifida, hydrocephalus and scoliosis, and was born with part of my spine missing. I am paralysed from the waist down and use a wheelchair to get around. To

create my campaign for disabled sports, I made a film which was broadcast on ITV West and also created a poster.

I launched my campaign at Bath College. Young people who viewed the film told me that 'The film reminded me that disabilities don't matter as long as you are doing what you love. I would definitely share it because it is an incredible way of convincing others that disabilities are not a problem'.

I feel proud of my campaign, and I want to continue to share my voice on issues that matter to me.

*"I have learnt new skills through social action and I have been able to have a voice on an issue that matters to me and show the benefits of disability sports."*

### Organisation I've Participated With:

Fixers

