

SCOTT KEATING

#iwill

CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Citizenship | Problem-solving | Courage | Self-discipline |
Communication

*#iwill ... continue to make a
difference on behalf of other
young people as an elected
member of the Youth Council*

*Scott Keating, 13 years old
From: Doncaster, England*

I was elected onto my school council at the age of 7 to help my school address the issues that mattered the most to young people. I then got involved with Scouting at 9 years old, which gave me opportunities to get involved in social action such as fundraising for charities, or volunteering by cleaning up the local area. When I was 12, I was then elected onto the Doncaster Youth Council.

I enjoy helping people and I like to help voice the opinions of other peoples who might not want, or be able, to speak for themselves. I believe other people's opinions are important, sharing issues can bring people together, and I like to help to get the messages across.

It can be challenging sometimes, for example, when I'm working on behalf of the Youth Council and the children within my area, the school might not always comply or feel that young people's views are as important.

The Youth Council has been the biggest social action I have ever participated in, being elected by young people to represent them within Doncaster. In my role, I have had input into the Doncaster Children's Plan and my main focus at the moment is helping the Youth Council to work with the local authority and schools to gain lower costing school meals which are healthier.

" My social action has made a difference to young people within our area as their voice can be heard through me and I campaign on their behalf."

Organisations I've Participated With:

My school council, Scouts, Doncaster Youth Council