



# ANNA MCGOVERN

AGE: 17 years old FROM: England

**TOP FIVE CHARACTER VALUES:** LEADERSHIP | CONFIDENCE | RESILIENCE, PERSEVERANCE & DETERMINATION | SOCIAL JUSTICE | COOPERATION

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I first took part in social action for NSPCC and First News simultaneously. With a fervour to write, I leapt at the chance when I saw an advert to become a First News journalist and got the position. This enables me to bestow my knowledge of social issues upon other young people through my writing.

I was then offered an ambassadorial role with the NSPCC and their Participation Unit. As someone who has always wanted to make a positive difference for society, I took this opportunity and began supporting their work in many ways, such as volunteering at their events. The first large-scale event I volunteered at was the Sidemen versus YouTube Allstars Charity Football Match, where I was appointed as a marshal and I liaised with the celebrities’ families.

I have since done a lot of volunteering with other charities including as a member of the Royal Foundation Taskforce, with Prince William, supporting the #StopSpeakSupport campaign and speaking in Parliament about the importance

of Childline for the #AreYouThere campaign. I also wrote the foreword for the NSPCC’s NetAware report and was cast as the lead role for the English National Opera’s recreation of Aida for their partnership video with the NSPCC. I am also a National Children’s Bureau Ambassador among other roles.

Whilst I have had difficult personal circumstances, I believe that with every struggle comes a strength, and throwing myself into volunteering, using my voice to shape the world to be a better place, has felt incredible. Volunteering has made me aware of the most prevalent challenges in society, has shown me that I can make a difference in the world, and has shaped me to become more ambitious than ever before.



*... continue to champion the value of a young person’s voice in shaping society to become a better place.*

