



PRINCESS-JOY EMEANUWA

AGE: 17 years old **FROM:** England

TOP FIVE CHARACTER VALUES: HUMILITY / MODESTY | RESILIENCE, PERSEVERANCE & DETERMINATION | SOCIAL JUSTICE | CITIZENSHIP | GRATITUDE

“Social action has taught me to be to adopt a mindset of possibility and determination. I have learned to develop my interests and passions, and explore new horizons through different types of action. Whether volunteering in a river, hospital or an important organisation; I understand that anyone can make a change by being self-assured, respectful and open-minded.”

I volunteer through conservation, and also in hospitals and hospices. I am proud of the difference my conservation makes to the environment, as well as the people I have helped.

I enjoy being involved with social action because I appreciate that there are always challenges to complete, and with determination and action I can achieve what I never thought was possible. I started taking part in social action on a small scale, in my later years of Primary school, when I was a playground ‘buddy’, helping, engaging and playing with younger children.

I learned that social action isn’t just about making yourself feel good, it has a real and invaluable impact. Since then, I have gone on to volunteer with the environment, after being inspired by my Geography teacher, Mr Davis, to improve local environmental sites and volunteer to improve school and local community projects. With Thames 21, I helped pick up

litter around the River Cray, creating river beds to help the course of the river and encourage biodiversity.

Recently, I have made films, given presentations and published poetry for the plastics campaign. I have also been an ambassador Action For Conservation. I am proud of skills I developed from practically clearing ragworts to support the ecosystem, to speaking out to DEFRA.

My most poignant moment of volunteering was at Christmas 2017, helping at a hospice and hospital. The experience of putting smiles on the faces of poorly children and their parents is one I’ll never forget.



... participate in environmental, health and social volunteering, to inspire and impact change in these important sectors. I will develop as a team player and keep an open mind, to encourage myself and others to use our talents to take action. I will support individuals to have equal opportunities to deliver the best social action they can.

