



VICTORIA BOGLE

AGE: 18 years old FROM: England

TOP FIVE CHARACTER VALUES: CREATIVITY | COMMUNITY AWARENESS | RESILIENCE, PERSEVERANCE & DETERMINATION | COMMUNICATION | PROBLEM-SOLVING

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As a school prefect I got to work with charities and this prompted me to set up my own social action projects which I believed would give me more autonomy and enable me to make a more lasting impact and educate people on important issues.

I first fundraised for the British Red Cross during the refugee crisis and, being successful in getting a £500 grant for my activity, I educated people, challenging misconceptions around refugees, giving talks in community centres around London and handing out information.

I sometimes find it challenging feeling my work is not making a lasting impact, but I have worked with more charities on various projects such as getting people to donate food from their shopping with FareShare and working on a panel to identify ways to reduce homelessness in the UK. I have also supported young people through mentoring students who were underachieving at school, some of

whom also had behavioural difficulties, and working with the Mark Envision Foundation I organised a book club to get more children reading and educate them on social issues such as poverty and discrimination. At school I have done fundraising events and campaigns around mental health and for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

I am now building my own social action groups to tackle a range of different issues including: environment; tackling discrimination against people with disabilities; improving children's mental health in hospitals; ensuring everyone knows their human rights; and working with young people from all backgrounds on social issues such as equality. There will also be a group focused on a variable topic and right now it is looking at organising an LGBT event.

I have learnt a lot about current affairs and contributed my views to many initiatives across different topics through taking part in social action.

