

AYAD MARHOON

Organisations I've Participated With

Leeds Ahlul Bayt Centre, Leeds Muslim Youth Group



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Age: 19

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"Whether it was public speaking, community organising, speaking on the radio or at the UN, learning to understand other cultures better, or just helping me find myself - social action has given me opportunities and developed me a lot as a person."

Although my parents were always involved in social action through the Leeds Ahlul Bayt Centre when I was growing up, it wasn't until I reached my mid-teens that I fully realised the impact that social action can have on communities and individual lives.

It was then that I first developed the desire to become the best person I could, in order for me to make the most out of my social action. I started doing leadership training and community organising courses, even reading self-development books in my free time. When I reached 18 and my adult life, I was well-prepared to make the biggest impact possible.

I'm now the Interfaith and Community Outreach officer for the Leeds Muslim Youth Group. I work with young people aged between 12 and 17 and with different communities around Leeds, regularly organising projects as a public show of unity and

to paint a positive picture of religious establishments in the area.

Social action has shown me that life need not always be selfish. I hope to spread this message and encourage other young people to give up their time and be selfless instead of sticking with the easier aspects of life like gaming or going out.

CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Leadership | Confidence | Community Awareness | Humility/
Modesty | Compassion

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... encourage the upbringing of a new generation of young leaders.