



# BRADLEY GWIN-BARRETT

AGE: 18 years old FROM: England

TOP FIVE CHARACTER VALUES: CITIZENSHIP | SOCIAL JUSTICE | COMMUNITY AWARENESS | SELF-DISCIPLINE | CREATIVITY

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Coming from one of the most deprived areas in the UK I faced many barriers to education. I was aware my life could all too easily take a negative bad path that would spiral into crime and disorder. So, I decided to change my course for the better by volunteering at Liverpool Homeless Football Club (LHFC), taking part in youth social action campaigns and working with the LFHC and Lady Justice UK going into schools to highlight the causes of homelessness and volunteering to build bridges in the community following devastating gun and knife gang crimes in North Liverpool. Lady Justice UK is a pro-bono, community access-to-justice organisation.

I went on to do an ILM course and worked for Homebaked CLT to create a community garden in the middle of Anfield. I used my time on this project to improve relationships between young people who continuously set out to vandalise the area and local residents, and this resulted in many more young people participating in community events. From here I went on to be a Community Engagement

Officer at Rotunda Kirkdale working with homeless people on match days and asylum links as well as helping local older people.

I have continued to work to break down barriers with local socially isolated young people, enabling access to volunteer and education programmes and encouraging people to get involved in community social action on a project to improve the greenspace and create a beautiful village green in Anfield.

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My vision is to make inner cities better places for marginalised communities, and I am committed to doing social action when I am at university in London.



*... continue to break down barriers by sharing my experiences and working to make communities better.*

