

CRAIG BATEMAN

Name: **Craig Bateman**

Age: **17**

Where I Live: **Worcestershire**



“I have always had a genuine passion for using my skills to make a real difference in my community, and I believe that I have been able to create new and exciting opportunities for the next generation.”

MY SOCIAL ACTION JOURNEY

Since the age of five I have been a member of the Boys' Brigade, rising to a leadership role in recent years. I have completed the Queen's Badge, the highest badge available in the Brigade. To complete this badge I took part in a 'Building Your Skills' course and helped out in my local community and church. I also organised a residential trip to the twin town of my hometown with five other young people.

The Boys' Brigade inspired me to take action elsewhere in society. I have been a Member of Worcestershire Youth Cabinet since March 2013,

which has led to further involvement in social action through YouthNet, Model Westminster, and Student Voice.

My public service has made me consider what my priorities are for young people today, and so I have adopted three election pledges: fairer public transport, tackling negative stereotypes, and providing greater opportunities to young people in the local community.

KEY CHARACTER QUALITIES AND VIRTUES

Citizenship | **Justice**

The adult who has most inspired me to get involved in social action is ...

Jonathan Salter, an officer in the Boys' Brigade until he passed away in June 2014.

MY SOCIAL ACTION PLEDGE

#iwill continue working to ensure that young people have a voice, influence and a place in society, making sure that they are at the centre of key decision-making and are a real driving force in planning for the future.