

# DEVAN WITTER

Name: Devan Witter

Age: 17

Where I Live: East Yorkshire

*“Social action has changed my way of looking at problems, and it’s helped me become more confident and achieve things I never thought I could.”*



## MY SOCIAL ACTION JOURNEY

I used to be bullied at school and found it a tough experience, partly because my teachers weren’t quite sure what to do to help me. Because of this I wanted to help other people who are being bullied, so I joined the BeatBullying Group aged 15. Now, I’m a volunteer mentor, using my own personal experiences of bullying to help others. Being involved has also led to me becoming a Young Ambassador for the charity, which has attracted lots of positive press coverage both for me and the campaign.

I’ve also been inspired to set up my own local anti-bullying project ([www.devangroup.moonfruit.com](http://www.devangroup.moonfruit.com)) to provide people with information about bullying. Through this, I discovered Fixers, an organisation that helps sufferers from all sorts of problems. Along with Fixers I set up a website ([www.adviceforteachers.org.uk](http://www.adviceforteachers.org.uk)) to provide information to teachers about bullying, and I also help my local council fight bullying in schools.

### KEY CHARACTER QUALITIES AND VIRTUES

Compassion | Courage

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

My mum.

## MY SOCIAL ACTION PLEDGE

**#iwill** continue to raise awareness about the effects of bullying, by encouraging more people to take action, with the hope that it will always be taken seriously in the future.