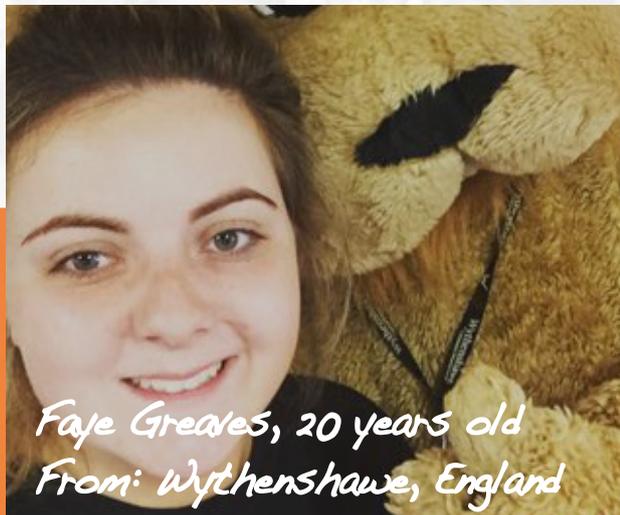




FAYE GREAVES

#iwill



*Faye Greaves, 20 years old
From: Wythenshawe, England*

CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Citizenship | Resilience, Perseverance & Determination |
Empathy | Leadership | Communication

#iwill ... encourage others to get involved by talking about how social action can make a difference to young people's lives and how to choose the right kind of social action for you.

I was 14 when I first got involved in social action through volunteering at a local food bank and charity shop and became involved in local community projects which aim to bring about positive change for the benefit of my local community.

I set up a Timebank in my area, and now support more than 200 local residents to give time back to their local community. I developed a new system at the food bank, which has enabled more families in food crisis to access emergency food. I have also recruited volunteers to set up a new Tenants' and Residents' Association in the area where my family lives.

Through social action, I know I gained the skills, knowledge and contacts required to successfully secure my first full time job. Through the Timebank, I had to develop relationships with many of our local voluntary and community organisations, in order to link them with new volunteers, which enabled me to learn how to present myself and local causes in a way that makes people want to get involved.

I continue to volunteer at the local community centres; to run the Timebank; and serve as a Heart Start volunteer, training other local people in how to save someone's life through CPR.

"The knowledge and confidence I have developed through social action enabled me to go to India to do voluntary work. I am passionate about the difference people can make in the local community by working together."

Organisations I've Participated With:

St Vicent de Paul, Loretto College, Wythenshawe Community Housing Group

