

# MATTHEW OTUBU

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Age: **19**

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*“The more time I spend in the service of others through doing social action, the more I learn about myself and how I can be an agent of change.”*

## MY SOCIAL ACTION JOURNEY

My social action journey has been a varied one. I've been a Youth Councillor for Newcastle City Council, a Member of Youth Parliament for Newcastle Central, Head Event Organiser at the European Youth Parliament UK and part of the Youth Leadership Team at Citizens UK. I've campaigned on education and transport, giving a keynote speech at the House of Commons in 2013, and supporting Make Your Mark. I'm also a big campaigner on healthcare issues, and I've been part of the Northern Clinical Senate Assembly for NHS England, and the Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. I also support charities as

Youth Commissioner and Graduate Ambassador for the National Citizen Service, and Children's Champion for UNICEF UK.

The Principal and CEO of my old school, Mr Jedras, used to tell me that I should always be the best I can be, uphold my integrity, and be compassionate to others. I always try to put his words into practice when I'm doing social action, and prove just how powerful the actions of a young person can be.

### KEY CHARACTER QUALITIES AND VIRTUES

**Compassion** | **Integrity**

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

Mr Jedras, Principal and CEO of my secondary school.

## MY SOCIAL ACTION PLEDGE

**#iwill** *continue to represent the best interests of young people in my generation, ensuring that their voices are heard in the political process and inspiring them to live life in the service of others.*