

MOHAMMED USMAN

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Age: 18

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“There are many ways in which an individual can make a positive contribution to society; the trick is to find the route which is most fulfilling for each and every one.”



MY SOCIAL ACTION JOURNEY

Social action is a huge part of my life now, but it wasn't always that way. Only a couple of years ago I would have been too scared to put my hand up in class, but after getting involved with Mother Helpage Worldwide and having the chance to speak at the UN, and following a Free The Children assembly at college, I was inspired to help others. It turned out that helping others also helped me.

Within a few weeks of the assembly, I had raised £1,200 for Free The Children's overseas development projects, and was soon invited to speak at their We Day celebration at Wembley Arena. Sharing the stage with Vice President

Al Gore and Malala Yousafzai, I spoke in front of 12,000 people. Just a few months ago, I was thrilled to win a place on Free The Children's volunteer trip to India where I helped to build a school, and I was proud to win a Yorkshire Children of Courage Award recently for my fundraising work, and be nominated for a Diana Award.

Over the last couple of years my social action has not only helped other people, but has also transformed me as a person. It really can make a difference.

KEY CHARACTER QUALITIES AND VIRTUES

Confidence | Cooperation

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

Nelson Mandela.

MY SOCIAL ACTION PLEDGE

#iwill promote education in order for young people to achieve their ambitions, by creating opportunities for them to get involved in social action.