

NAYHA PATEL

Name: **Nayha Patel**

Age: **16**

Where I Live: **London**



I believe that taking steps to change the things that are wrong in our society is important and we are obliged to help others wherever they may be in the world.

I was inspired to get involved in social action at around 10 years old because of the fantastic work of doctors and nurses at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London as they helped my younger sister who was suffering from a heart problem. This inspired me to go on to raise awareness of the Great Ormond Street Charity in my school and also raise money for the charity's worthy causes. From then on, I have raised money and awareness for many charities including Diana Award, Wings of Hope, Free The Children, The Children's Society, Micro-Tyco and other local charities in my community including Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH).

I'm also involved in Council21, my school's social enterprise council, to raise funds for charities and school-based projects all over the world such as in Malawi and Ecuador. I communicate important issues and charity messages to my school community, via the school's social enterprise and charity twitter account. I've also been recently involved in mentoring students as they start in my secondary school. So much of my social action has happened via my school, Surbiton High School, and without their support and the generosity of the pupils, staff and parents, I would not have been able to make a difference. I don't want to stop there though - there will always be people who need my help and I'm glad to be able to make a difference.

Organisations I've Participated With

- Diana Award
- Free The Children
- We Day
- Surbiton High School's Council21
- United Learning
- Wings of Hope
- KYGN
- Micro-Tyco
- KCAH
- The Children's Society (DofE)
- GOSH



#iwill engage with all 60 United Learning schools, which will help me to promote social action in local communities and continue with social action both in my school and local community.