

SOLOMON CURTIS

Name: Solomon Curtis

Age: 18

Where I Live: East Sussex

“Seeing the tangible outcomes of my social action inspires me not only to continue, but to inspire others to do so. To me, social action defines the British values of solidarity, tolerance and respect. It’s time for our generation to inspire an aspiring generation.”



MY SOCIAL ACTION JOURNEY

I've been involved in social action since 2011, when I joined the East Sussex Youth Cabinet. Since then, I've had numerous roles within youth politics, being elected onto the UK Youth Parliament to represent Hastings, Bexhill and Upper Rother, and getting the opportunity to speak in the House of Commons in 2012. In August 2013, I was elected Vice-Chair (Campaigns and Communications) for the British Youth Council (BYC). I'm passionate about education, and jumped at the chance to get involved in the BYC Youth Select Committee, where I've helped work on their 'Curriculum for life' campaign to revolutionise the way we teach citizenship and PSHE in the UK.

Most recently, I've joined Project Participate – a social enterprise that promotes youth participation, empowering young people to make a positive impact on their local communities. I've realised that social action comes in many shapes and sizes, but whether you're volunteering with a local charity or running a national campaign, one thing is for sure: it can have an amazing effect on people and on society.

KEY CHARACTER QUALITIES AND VIRTUES

Citizenship | Respect

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

Bev Carter, my support worker at East Sussex County Council.

MY SOCIAL ACTION PLEDGE

#iwill *continue to engage young people in politics and democracy by working with key decision-makers and organisations.*