



# AMAL MALIK

AGE: 20 years old FROM: England - Greater London

“For me, social action is about holding systematic forms of prejudice to account. More than ever, young people’s voices have the power to energise our way of perceiving social justice.”

I first learned about intersectionality when I took part in the National Citizen Service programme in 2015. My team leader introduced me to inter-personal activism, and the importance of dismantling societal stereotypes of class, race and gender.

As part of the programme, I gave a speech on the importance of LGBTQ+ equality, which sparked my interest in activism. Next I took part in the Young Leaders Programme, where I increasingly recognised issues of institutionalised, systematic discrimination towards minority communities.

Now, at university, as a member of the Warwick Queer History group, I’ve implemented the intersections of faith, sexuality and identity to support public conversations surrounding faith in modern society.

I also hosted one of the first LGBTQ+ focused roundtables at my university, as part of the Stonewall 50 Campaign at Warwick, where I aimed to encourage a judgement-free discussion that would break down the stigma of conversation surrounding social marginalisation. This was a high point in my social action.

As a Warwick United Nations Associations Ambassador, I worked in a team to deliver informative and culturally sensitive workshops around the topic of restorative justice to groups of college students.

One of the most rewarding aspects of voluntary work has been the networks of connections and communities that I’ve built along the way. As head of marketing at the non-profit charity IMPACT, I’ve been introduced to a vast range of organisations and charities that hold social liberation at their core.

Social action will continue to inform my values and approach. Having been exposed to intersections of discrimination, I feel a responsibility to expose social inequality and campaign to challenge the structures that hold people back.



## ORGANISATIONS I’VE WORKED WITH

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK, WARWICK URSS AND HISTORY DEPARTMENT, WARWICK QUEER HISTORY GROUP, QUEER ASIA, UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION, NCS, NEW CHOICES FOR YOUTH YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME

## CHARACTER STRENGTHS

COMMUNICATION, RESILIENCE, PERSEVERANCE AND DETERMINATION, EMPATHY, COMMUNITY AWARENESS, SOCIAL JUSTICE

