



ASHLEY CARTER

#iwill

CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Compassion | Social Justice | Empathy | Courage |
Communication



*Ashley Carter, 16 years old
From: Taunton, England*

*#iwill ... raise more awareness of
my anti-bullying campaign and will
continue to look for opportunities to
inspire others with my story.*

I was born with Treacher Collins syndrome - which means that I was born without any ears, a receding jaw and no cheek bones. I've had 30 painful operations but almost worse than all the surgery, was the bullying that I was subjected to because of the way I look. This experience of bullying, both at primary and secondary school, led me to enlist Fixers in a campaign to stop children being bullied because they look different. I used my voice, and my experiences, to create a film which was broadcast on ITV News West and West Country.

By telling my story I have tried to show other young people experiencing bullying that they are not alone. My campaign resonated with people in the local area after

appearing on the ITV News West Country, and I went on to give an interview to share further experiences. By turning a negative into a positive, I'm hoping to help other young people by sharing my experience of an upsetting time in my life. Social action helped give me a voice on an issue that is hugely important to me.

"My campaign allowed me to have a voice on an issue that matters to me, which I hope will encourage others to start their own social action projects."

Organisation I've Participated With:

Fixers

