



BEN MOONEY

#iwill



*Ben Mooney, 10 years old
From: Belfast, Northern Ireland*

CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Gratitude | Compassion | Cooperation | Humility/Modesty |
Citizenship

#iwill ... pledge to continue fundraising for local charities and be a role model for others showing that young people can make a difference bit by bit, no matter how small we think our efforts are.

My first taste of social action was doing fundraising events for the MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Society in honour of my granny who died long before I was born. Seeing my mum do social action in support of the MS Society inspired me to get involved too and help raise money for people affected by ill-health.

My age means I can only do certain activities at charity events but I want to do more. I currently do charity runs to fundraise including the colour runs (NI Hospice), Mo Runs (for men's health), Res Runs (the Stroke Association), Santa Run (Cash for Kids), Zombie Run (Clic Sargeant), and many Run Together Runs (Action Cancer), up the (River) Lagan in a bubble (Parenting NI) and most recently for Marie

Curie! It's not just people, I've also supported animals as well, as I have supported RSPB and adopted a Harris Hawk from a local bird sanctuary.

I am my class' Charity Ambassador to help fundraise for Marie Curie. In May 2017 I was awarded my second Guinness World Record Certificate for the longest paperclip chain (1,997 metres) and at the same time raised £400 for Marie Curie. The money I raised allowed for 20 hours of nursing support to be provided to patients which I think is really great.

"Social action has made me realise how lucky I am to have good health and how good it feels to help others."

Organisations I've Participated With:

The Stroke Association, NI Hospice, Purple House Cancer Support (Southern Ireland), Marie Curie, Action Cancer MS Society, Parenting NI, RSPB

