

DANIEL LAWES

#iwill



*Daniel Lawes, 16 years old
From: Manchester, England*

CHARACTER VIRTUES

I'VE DEVELOPED THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL ACTION

Social Justice | Leadership | Resilience, Perseverance &
Determination | Communication | Empathy

#iwill ... engage more young people into politics and social change through a new youth organisation I have founded called YouthPolitics UK.

Youth social action allows me to engage other young people in politics as well as building my understanding of issues important to them. One example is campaigning for awareness of the mental health needs of young people in Greater Manchester. This resulted in us lobbying MPs to reverse cuts to youth mental health services.

I have also raised £2000 for Parkinson's UK through various events and activities, including having two of my poems published as a testimony to my grandfather who suffered with the disease in a book being sold for charity.

I am the founder and editor of YouthPolitics UK, which means I run an executive committee of 15 students who

are committed to outreach in local schools and sixth form. We oversee a team of 40 students from political societies in schools across Greater Manchester. We raise awareness of political issues at both local and national level and galvanise young people into taking action on the matters that are important to them. We plan to run training sessions to equip young people with the skills needed to make these social changes.

My recent trip to the UN in Geneva has strengthened my resolve to do social action and improve the lives of others – and I hope to go on to a career that continues to do so.

"Youth social action is important for me as it allows me to build my understanding of a range of different topics whilst also being able to contribute to helping others in society."

Organisations I've Participated With:

Parkinsons UK, YouthPolitics