



ETHAN SZCZELKUN

AGE: 17 years old FROM: England

TOP FIVE CHARACTER VALUES: CONFIDENCE | RESILIENCE, PERSEVERANCE & DETERMINATION | LEADERSHIP | CREATIVITY | HUMILITY / MODESTY

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As an NSPCC Ambassador I support them in many ways from assisting in the development of campaigns to spreading important messages around online safety and raising awareness that Childline is there for any child. I speak at conferences and also help professionals to understand the world from a child’s perspective. I participate in weekly chat rooms and through this influence both campaigns and internal work, and I also attend events across the country

I was pleased to work with the Royal Foundation’s Cyberbullying Taskforce to develop the ‘Stop, Speak, Support’ campaign which was seen by millions of young people, letting them know what to do if they experienced or witnessed cyberbullying.

Having used Childline myself, I hope to make a positive difference to others by sharing my personal experiences so that they know that it is ok to talk and can call Childline. I am considering training as a Childline Counsellor.

As a peer mentor I offer guidance and signpost young people to support when needed. At times I have had to raise safeguarding concerns to keep young people safe.

More recently I have taken up a Social Media Officer role for the mental health project, Spot the Signs. This came about as a result of me approaching the founder and asking if they would like help as I could see they would benefit from setting up effective social media and creating engaging content. I now create social media posts and respond to private messages, including signposting young people and adults to the appropriate support. I also advise on how the charity can best advertise over social media channels, I have helped to design their new webpage and created workshop content.

I am truly passionate about taking part in social action and have gained confidence, new friends and skills from it.



... shout loudly about the benefits of social action and its importance in helping young people have a voice.

