



HARRY BATES

AGE: 15 years old FROM: England

TOP FIVE CHARACTER VALUES: OPEN MINDEDNESS | CITIZENSHIP | PROBLEM-SOLVING | COMMUNICATION | CONFIDENCE

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I initially got involved with Blackpool Youth Council because I am passionate about my hometown and wanted to see changes and to identify opportunities for young people to have spaces and free activities to get involved in. Attending weekly meetings and extra events at weekends, I help run a youth fund that gives grants to young people who need help in education or employment.

I am the elected campaign and events lead for the Council and have planned and disseminated the Make Your Mark campaign across Blackpool to get young people to participate in having their voice heard. Working with other members I have planned and delivered a Youth Summit where local decision makers and young people came together to discuss and debate the top issues from the ballots.

As a Member of Youth Parliament for Blackpool I have met with MPs to raise issues for young people locally, regionally

and nationally. Meeting with Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP, the Secretary of State for Education, I shared with him the voices and concerns of young people about education and the support for a Curriculum for Life.

I have also devised an agenda and purposed ideas for funding for Blackpool Opportunity Area and am training to become an Action Researcher to support the University of Central Lancashire with their research into barriers to entering education.

I have trained as a peer mentor and a peer support for young victims of crime.

My confidence and communication skills have developed a lot through taking part in social action, both in formal and informal situations.

... continue in my role as a member of Blackpool Youth Council and promote the benefits to other young people.

