



ISOBEL CAMMISH

AGE: 13 years old FROM: England

TOP FIVE CHARACTER VALUES: COURAGE | RESILIENCE, PERSEVERANCE & DETERMINATION | CONFIDENCE | COMMUNITY AWARENESS | LEADERSHIP

"I was fed up with adults making decisions that affected my country, the world, without taking into consideration what young people want. Then I realised that anyone can help people! I do lots of campaigning, using my knowledge to educate others, and hope to get more young people involved in social action!"

It frustrated me seeing decisions that affected my country, the world, being made by adults without young people's wishes being considered. Then, aged 12, I read 'Moxie' by Jennifer Mathieu and it made me realise that anyone can help people. I had always wanted to help people when I was older but now realised that in reality kids can do anything!

It was hard to find organisations who were keen to work with kids, but I found lots of websites that gave me the opportunity to get involved with campaigning and a community of like-minded people to connect with. Drawing on this experience at school I have set up various pupil-led groups to improve both our school and the local community, such as the eco-team to improve our carbon footprint. I also advocate and raise money for charities and have organised many sponsored silences and cake sales, raising over £500.

I am a very active campaigner working with organisations including Amnesty International, Global Citizen, WWF and 1

Million Women and find Malala Yousafzai hugely inspiring as she has shown the world you do not have to be an adult to change things.

I am a Kids Against Plastic Ambassador, am currently cutting my hair in aid of the Little Princess Trust, helping to organise the local Great Get Together in memory of Jo Cox, and trying to get my school involved in the First Give Programme to help the local community.

Taking part in social action has given me the confidence and skills to do anything I want – I don't have to wait for adults to do it for me. I have the courage to stand up for what is right and use my knowledge and global awareness to educate others. I want to help get more young people involved in social action!

