



# MEGAN DWYER

AGE: 16 years old FROM: England

TOP FIVE CHARACTER VALUES: COMMUNITY AWARENESS | OPEN MINDEDNESS | HOPE / OPTIMISM | LEADERSHIP | CONFIDENCE

*“My social action has made me realise our voice is our most powerful tool. You can have all the money in the world but if you are not free to speak your mind you have nothing.”*

I started taking part in social action because I wanted to show it doesn't matter what age you are, your voice should be taken seriously. When I was 10, I received a Sefton Eco Champion award for the work I did at my primary school and because of this my local radio station agreed to let me speak on their breakfast show about how we can all have a positive impact on the environment.

I later got involved with my local youth cabinet and was elected as a member of the Youth Parliament. I have also worked with the North West Youth Forum, Liverpool City Region Youth Assembly and have made the most of every opportunity to take social action.

I now volunteer with the Sefton Care Leavers Centre project. This important cause is very close to my heart and I run their service user group which ensures the views of these young people are heard in the project. Amongst other things I also help these young people to get involved in external

opportunities for their views and their voices to be heard.

Taking part in social action has made me realise our voice is our most powerful tool. You can have all the money in the world but if you are not free to speak your mind you have nothing. I am proud that my work, contacting my local MP as well as other organisations and individuals, successfully raised funds for Sefton Care Leavers Centre as well as ensuring the young people at the centre can express their views and are being heard and valued. Social action has given me so much appreciation for what we have in life.

Character virtues: Community awareness; open mindedness; hope/optimism; leadership; confidence.



*... show people that regardless of what background you come from, you can make such a massive difference in your community.*

