



YETUNDE KEHINDE

AGE: 16 years old FROM: England

TOP FIVE CHARACTER VALUES: HUMILITY / MODESTY | CONFIDENCE | EMPATHY | HOPE/OPTIMISM | LEADERSHIP

“Social action has shown me the difference I can make to the world I live in and has given me confidence that the younger generation have the ability to help bring about crucial change in society and for our fragile environment.”

My geography teacher inspired me to get involved with social action as I cared about the environment so wanted to take action to protect it. When I was 14, a few of us from my geography class picked up litter that laid along the River Thames. It was a small step, but it encouraged me to develop and explore my understanding of the environment in which I live.

I then completed an ambassador programme for youth voice, which taught me how to be a good leader in my local community and beyond, as well as combating prevalent problems in society such as youth crime.

I am now an ambassador with Action for Conservation and am delighted that some of my peers, through showing an interest in my volunteering work, have gone on to pursue volunteering roles and work experience in the social and environmental sectors. I'm proud that taking part in social action is having this wider scale positive impact.

Social action has shown me that I can make a difference to the world I live in. It has also given me the confidence to believe that the younger generation are the future and can contribute to a crucial and much-needed change in society and our fragile environment.



... do my absolute best to try to achieve a step towards equity and a jump towards the safety of the natural environment we live in. I will do all I can to encourage others to take social action, just as Mr Davis inspired me, to start a chain reaction so real change can be accomplished.

