

CHRISTIAN WEBB

Name: Christian Webb

Age: 19

Where I Live: Swansea



"I'm driven to make a difference to the lives of LGBT people and want to encourage other young people to help too."

MY SOCIAL ACTION JOURNEY

I'm a strong believer in the power of the voluntary sector in supporting marginalised people. As a volunteer for Stonewall Cymru, I've seen that in action: I spent a week helping out at the Eisteddfod, a Welsh national festival, to raise awareness of Stonewall Cymru's work and to encourage passers-by to sign the 'no bystanders pledge', promising to report any homophobic hate crime against LGBT people. I blogged about it afterwards as well, to help spread the word. I've also volunteered for the Stonewall Information Service, signposting people to LGBT events and support groups across Wales.

I feel like social action has had an impact on me both personally and professionally. I've become a lot more confident, more passionate about issues I care about and more determined to make a difference, especially because I've seen the impact I can have. It's also been a great opportunity for me to develop networks with people across the UK, and practise my public speaking skills – especially in Welsh!

KEY CHARACTER QUALITIES AND VIRTUES

Justice | Communication

The adult who has most inspired me to get involved in social action is ...

My mum.

MY SOCIAL ACTION PLEDGE

#iwill continue to change attitudes towards LGBT people and confront homophobic language whenever it is safe to do so.