

DION PEARSON

Name: **Dion Pearson**

Age: **10**

Where I Live: **West Midlands**

“Social action has really made me come out of my shell and be a lot more confident.”



MY SOCIAL ACTION JOURNEY

When my older brother went to prison almost three years ago, it really knocked my confidence. But soon I realised that I could turn that feeling into something positive by keeping other children out of trouble, and it's made a big difference to my life. I go to youth club now, and tell all my friends to come too to keep them off the streets. I'm also involved in Sport 4 Life, where we get to do loads of sport and make our area a safer place to be as well. I helped organise an anti-knife crime event through the Sport 4 Life UK Young Leaders project, which I really liked because I got to meet new people.

I've also been helping my local church with litter picking, which makes our community a lot nicer, and being out and about doing social action means other children have seen me doing a good thing and wanted to get involved themselves. I'm glad I got involved in social action, because it's helped me get my confidence back and it's a lot of fun too.

KEY CHARACTER QUALITIES AND VIRTUES

Courage | **Community Awareness**

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

My older brother.

MY SOCIAL ACTION PLEDGE

#iwill *continue talking to others my age to encourage them to join Sport 4 Life, so that instead of getting into trouble they can do something good for their community.*