

IRENE KOLAWOLE

Name: Irene Kolawole

Age: 15

Where I Live: Greater London

“Confidence comes with time. You may shiver like a leaf in front of a judgemental crowd but don't let this defeat you. Water yourself with determination, fearlessness and passion then your confidence will surely flourish like a flower. You are you. You are great.”



MY SOCIAL ACTION JOURNEY

Through my work as a mentor, champion and personal tutor for Year 7 students at my school through Franklin Scholars I have helped some of the most vulnerable younger students grow in confidence and self-esteem. I've supported students who were struggling to settle into secondary school and helped them flourish in such a way that they are now set up for a happy and fruitful time at secondary school.

Normally I meet with these students weekly for

an hour at a time, and I can honestly say it's the highlight of my week. When I see them grow into themselves, there's no better feeling. At the same time, I've developed my own leadership skills including the ability to motivate and inspire others. I really feel like I have a purpose now, and that purpose is to help other people!

KEY CHARACTER QUALITIES AND VIRTUES

Purpose | Patience

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

Jessica Barratt, CEO and Founder of Franklin Scholars.

MY SOCIAL ACTION PLEDGE

#iwill continue to broadcast the happiness of volunteering and make a positive impact on people's lives by offering a loyal, helpful hand.