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DIANA ACTIVE CAMPAIGNER

Award Holder/Group Name: Holocaust Memorial Education Trust Ambassadors

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: St Mark's West Essex Catholic School

Town: Harlow

Region: Eastern

The Ambassador's Campaign raises awareness of the Holocaust and other genocide events in school to support the work of the Holocaust Memorial Education Trust. Using their own research the team have created learning resources for younger students and delivered presentations to the 1000 pupils in their school; even arranging for a Holocaust survivor to attend and share their story. Some of the Ambassador's peers have been so moved by their campaign that they have been inspired to begin their own, whilst others have reportedly placed more value on life and promote peace in their own local communities wherever they can.

DIANA ANTI-BULLYING CHAMPION

Award Holder/Group Name: Cliodhna

Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

Organisation: Sharnbrook Upper School

Town: Bedford

Region: Eastern

Cliodhna is a force to be reckoned with – she is an inspirational young person who leaves a trail of enthusiasm in her wake! She is an excellent public speaker, clearly demonstrated on several occasions when spreading the word on the work she is doing around Anti-Bullying, peer mentoring, assemblies, body image, mental health, abusive relationships, and student voice to name but a few! This work has been taken out into the wider community and opened doors for lots of young people affording them the confidence to celebrate who they are as individuals.

Award Holder/Group Name: Lucy

Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

Organisation: Sir John Lawes School

Town: Harpenden

Region: Eastern

For the past year Lucy has worked on the National Anti-Bullying Youth Board and is fantastic Anti-Bullying Ambassador in her school, actively involved in developing ideas for how the school can tackle bullying and supporting other pupils. Students have really appreciated the work that Lucy has been involved with and it is clear how her influence has helped developed their understanding of what anti-bullying looks like and why it is important to tackle the issues relating to bullying.

Award Holder/Group Name: Friendly Faces

Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

Organisation: Aylsham High School

Town: Aylsham

Region: Eastern

Friendly Faces offer support to the students of Aylsham High School with issues ranging from bullying and friendship, to managing schoolwork. They are highly visible on the playground and around school but also offer a drop in service for any students who need guidance in a private and safe space. Friendly Faces provide vital assistance for students preparing for the transition to secondary school by visiting primary schools in 'The Friendly Face School Roadshow' and take the lead on anti-bullying events and projects in the school throughout the year.

Award Holder/Group Name: Jessica

Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

Organisation: Royal Hospital School

Town: Ipswich

Region: Eastern

Jess has been integral in co-ordinating the Peer Support team to assist younger pupils making their transition to senior school less daunting and give all pupils at the school the confidence to speak out against bullying and other issues arising from boarding at school, such as homesickness and friendships. She is a fantastic support to staff as an organised and pro-active Lead for the team and is a role model to the entire school community leading projects to develop their resilience to cope with bullying, peer pressure and examination stress.

Award Holder/Group Name: Reece

Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

Organisation: Open Academy

Town: Norwich

Region: Eastern

Reece is a pillar of support to both staff and his peers at Open Academy, never hesitating to offer his help to anyone who needs it. He sacrifices his break and lunchtimes to students who are troubled or lonely, offering comfort and support and, without prompting, acts as a buddy to those students who present with difficult or challenging behaviour, encouraging them gently to do the right thing and to make the right choices. Students who were at risk of not attending school are present because of his support and he has influenced the personal behaviour of many of his peers.

Award Holder/Group Name: St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School's Anti-Bullying Council

Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

Organisation: St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Town:

Region: Eastern

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School's Anti-Bullying Council have been instrumental in raising the profile of Anti-Bullying by leading whole school assemblies and presenting their work to parents and governors in the Anti-Bullying workshop for parents and carers. The group review and update the child friendly anti-bullying policy annually and they have been proactive in arranging a range of activities for the whole school; these include World Smile Day, Kindness Day and 'Wear it Blue'. These activities have had a big impact on the school community and keep the message of Anti-Bullying current; they are the eyes and ears on the playground.

Award Holder/Group Name: Playleaders
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: JOHN RAY JUNIOR SCHOOL
Town: BRAINTREE
Region: Eastern

The play leaders at John Ray Junior School contribute greatly to the welfare of their peers and have made a phenomenal difference to the playground at lunchtime. They do this by playing games, supporting students with any difficulties. They have even learnt Russian to help support two new pupils from Lithuania! They are a vital part of the school community and the work they do to reduce bullying and support everyone is appreciated by pupils and staff across the school.

DIANA CHAMPION FUNDRAISER

Award Holder/Group Name: Sophie
Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser
Organisation: New Hall School
Town: Chelmsford
Region: Eastern

Sophie has overcome her own personal adversity and dedicates her time to fundraise and campaign for the benefit of others at school and Girl Guides. She has helped to provide education and leisure facilities to a poor community in Uganda and made the wishes of terminally ill children come true through The Make a Wish charity. Sophie's 'Knit For India' campaign has brought her school community together to knit 1000 items of clothing to put 1000 smiles on the faces of 1000 children in the Dharavi Slums in India. In the future Sophie plans to support the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital by raising money for the unit that provided her own medical treatment.

Award Holder/Group Name: Interact Club of St Albans
Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser
Organisation: St Albans Girls' School
Town: St Albans
Region: Eastern

The Rotary Interact Club of St Albans raises money and awareness for local, national and international charities. They have raised money towards the provision of a new dance studio at their school through the Parent Teacher Association, supported disabled adults in the St Albans Community to develop their gardening skills through Earthworks and provided emergency family survival kits through Shelterbox. They are enthusiastic and knowledgeable Ambassadors for the charities they support inspiring other young people at their school to engage in charitable initiatives and who intend on continuing their fundraising into the future.

Award Holder/Group Name: Tiegan
Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser
Organisation: Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form
Town: Norwich
Region: Eastern

Tiegan is a remarkable young woman who has been raising funds for two charities, SAUK and The Little Princess Trust since the age of 14 when her own sister was diagnosed with Scoliosis. Over the past three years Tiegan has raised nearly £4,000 through a variety of fundraising activities, including cutting off 18 inches of her own hair and donating it to The Little Princess Trust who use real hair to turn into wigs for children who have lost their own because of cancer treatment. Tiegan has decided to pursue a nursing career so that she can continue to help other people as a career; a testament to her caring personality and her genuine commitment to making a difference to lives of others.

DIANA CHAMPION VOLUNTEER

Award Holder/Group Name: Aadil
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: TYP Foundation
Town: Elstree
Region: Eastern

Aadil has been the Chief Compliance Officer at TYP Foundation for 2 years; a voluntary role overseeing communications and operations for campaigns and events. Aadil is also in charge of TYP's mentoring scheme; which supports 50 young people with learning disabilities in Maths, English and Computer Literacy through a group of mentors operating on weekends. Aadil has given up a large amount of his own time to volunteer with TYP Foundation and has recently submitted a proposal to build a new school in Gambia as a future project for the organisation to take on.

Award Holder/Group Name: Anna
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Tabor Academy
Town: Braintree
Region: Eastern

Anna is an extremely dedicated volunteer, campaigner and fundraiser in her school and community and is passionate about the education and wellbeing of others. She volunteers at a Cancer Research charity shop and devotes her summer to helping young people in her local library with their reading. She has taken part and organised fundraising activities for the benefit of RSPCA, Centre Point, Children in Need and the British Heart Foundation. A keen photographer, Anna has also provided inspirational photographs as resources to a support group for young people with eating disorders.

Award Holder/Group Name: Harwich Inspired Youth Action (HIYA)

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Teen Talk

Town: Harwich

Region: Eastern

Harwich Inspired Youth Action or HIYA are a group of young people dedicated to improving the image of young people in their local community. The group led an appeal in the local community for donations to be made to elderly residents and a community kitchen at Christmas through collections from the public in local shops. HIYA have bridged the gap between the generations further by leading a project gathering memories from residents of all ages in Harwich and distributing a monthly e-newsletter; 'The Memory Book' with collections of memories from the entire community.

Award Holder/Group Name: Joshua

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Royal Hospital School

Town: Ipswich

Region: Eastern

Josh has been one of the most dedicated volunteers his school has ever seen. Over the past 7 years it is estimated that he has given 700 hours of his time to The Woolverstone Project which teaches disabled young children to swim and adults to sail and has always done so with exceptional encouragement and care. Volunteering is something that comes naturally to Josh. He will not only carry out his swimming and sailing help for the local community but within the school he is supportive of other pupils and is a 'go to' senior pupil for staff when they need some pupil support.

Award Holder/Group Name: Nita and Nisha

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Woodford County High School

Town: Essex

Region: Eastern

Nita and Nisha have been dedicated supporters of Haven House Children's Hospice since 2014; raising funds and awareness for the organisation and volunteering at their events. They have been involved in bucket collections, bag packing at supermarkets and promoting the charity at fundraising events and corporate functions; helping to raise nearly £8,000 in raffle tickets at an event at The Financial Ombudsman Building. Nita and Nisha have also given up their holidays to host a Christmas lunch for the elderly and arranged a book drive involving other schools in their local area for orphans in Sri Lanka.

Award Holder/Group Name: Olivia

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Sir John Lawes School

Town: Harpenden

Region: Eastern

Olivia has been an active part of the Harpenden Youth Town Council for two years, campaigning on behalf of young people in the area and playing a key role in the organisation of the Council's events and projects. At school Olivia raises awareness of mental health issues amongst her peers through assemblies and has created an information booklet for parents. Olivia has also been instrumental in helping tackle exam stress introducing a yoga scheme to help young people who are experiencing anxiety during the exam period.

Award Holder/Group Name:

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Cedars Upper school

Town:

Region: Eastern

The Ear 4 U 2 Mentors have provided a support network for students who may struggle with their mental or emotional wellbeing. The mentors have enabled students in need of help to feel more supported which has led to their increased achievement at school. The students that have been seen on the Ear 4 U 2 programme now have less intervention from the school and are more secure in their emotional wellbeing. The mentor's commitment, compassion and maturity has had an immense impact on lives of their fellow student and they are a credit to themselves.

Award Holder/Group Name: Valavan

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: The Youth Project

Town: Elstree

Region: Eastern

Valavan is an example to all young people. He is selfless and dedicated to community service. He managed to work his way from coming from a poor family in Edmonton to getting admitted to the prestigious Stanford University where he will be studying from September. He has been one of the main driving forces behind the creation and growth of The Youth Project. On top of this he has organised a number of homeless drives, bringing together young people from across the country to give nack to the homeless community in London. To quote one of his peers, 'He inspires me to believe that I can change the world for the better'.

DIANA COURAGOUS CITIZEN

Award Holder/Group Name: Caitlin

Category: Diana Courageous Citizen

Organisation: Attleborough Academy Norfolk

Town: Attleborough

Region: Eastern

A year into her education at Attleborough Academy Caitlin became unwell and her attendance dropped due to time spent in hospital. By the year of her GCSEs her health had deteriorated further resulting in her attendance dropping to 18%. Despite this Caitlin managed to achieve high GCSE results and secured the college placement that she wanted. Incredibly she did all of this whilst supporting other students who also had medical problems and she inspired her entire school community by giving an assembly on her approach to adversity and what can be achieved through determination and resilience.

Award Holder/Group Name: Zachary
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Intergrated Youth support Services
Town: Southend-on-Sea
Region: Eastern

As a Young Carer Champion Zachary has played a pivotal role in ensuring young carer's voices are heard in matters which affect them at a local and national level; successfully working to influence amendments to the Care Act 2015 and The Children's and Families Act 2015 to create better legal support for young carers and their families. Zachary speaks and provides information at high profile youth events, is The Chair of his Local Young Carers Forum and is an invaluable support to other members of his young carer networks.

Award Holder/Group Name: Michael
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Plume School
Town: Maldon
Region: Eastern

Both staff and students at Plume School have attributed their own personal successes in part to Michael's courageous and inspirational approach to life. Michael has Demyelinating Motor Sensory Neuropathy and bi-lateral hearing loss but at no point have these conditions prevented him from achieving fantastic academic results and from being a highly active and supportive player in all aspects of school life. He is a continual source of energy and inspiration to his peers and teachers who are reminded by his presence that disability is no barrier to success. Michael also serves his local community as an active member of his local church and as a Scout.

Award Holder/Group Name: Halima
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Bury Park Educational Institute
Town: Luton
Region: Eastern

You only have to meet Halima once to see for yourself what a positive, loving, happy person she is. Constantly overlooking the faults of others and encouraging the best out of her peers. As an only child, when she is not in school, Halima is her mother's full time carer who is a patient of learning disability. Despite her daily struggles she is achieving outstanding grades in her run up to her GCSE's and never uses her struggle as an excuse in her life to hold her back. In all her 5 years she has only been absent twice, even though she may be ill or excused, she soldiers on and pushes herself to become the person she dreams to be.