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# DIANA ACTIVE CAMPAIGNER

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Active Citizenship Campaigners

**Category:** Diana Active Campaigner

**Organisation:** Stoke Newington School

**Town:** Hackney

**Region:** London

At Stoke Newington School in Hackney a group of 16-year olds are campaigning for a better world through e-petitions with thousands of signatures, protests such as the Climate Change March, volunteering and working with organisations including their local Football team. They encourage ethical shopping by raising awareness of worker exploitation (including football manufacture), the fur trade, sourcing of palm oil and factory farming. Campaigning on issues such as female genital mutilation, they've lobbied MPs for compulsory FGM education in secondary schools. Running workshops and planning lessons in their own school, they've also addressed areas such as youth homelessness with Shelter.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** RLHS Model UN Conference

**Category:** Diana Active Campaigner

**Organisation:** Ricards Lodge High School

**Town:** Wimbledon

**Region:** London

Inspired by the campaigner for girl's education Malala, a group of students at Ricards Lodge School in Wimbledon aim to raise awareness of the United Nations and the role it plays in human rights. As well as empowering fellow students to take an interest in world affairs and become politically active through assemblies and debating clubs, they recruited in January 2015, three other schools to organise a model UN conference. They have also set up an LGBT+ support group, encouraging acceptance of difference both socially, culturally and through different faiths as well as highlighting British values of democracy and liberty.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** KIERAN

**Category:** Diana Active Campaigner

**Organisation:** WORLD YOUTH ORGANIZATION

**Town:** LONDON

**Region:** London

Kieran believes that all young people given opportunity and support can achieve their dreams and ambitions. In 2013, he swam the English Channel. Now 18, he is one of the youngest CEOs of a global charity after setting up the World Youth Organization which in its first year has reached out to young people in 41 countries. The charity's aim is to empower and help educate youngsters in a changing world through workshops, summits and other events. Tasked with running WYO, Kieran inspires everyone he comes into contact with – from teenagers to politicians and businessmen to teachers, schools and other organisations.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Young NCB Campaign Group 2014-15

**Category:** Diana Active Campaigner

**Organisation:** National Children's Bureau

**Town:** Islington

**Region:** London

Launched two years ago with a big event at the House of Lords, the National Children's Bureau young campaign group have fought hard since then to raise awareness of mental health issues and remove associated stigma. They have also lobbied Government and policymakers to ensure that schools and teachers prepare young people for life through better careers guidance, work experience and financial education. In addition they have linked with other organisations such as Plotr providing careers guidance through an on-line game and website whilst working with the NCB's research department developing an App for mental health signposting and information

**Award Holder/Group Name:** St Angela's Ursuline School

**Category:** Diana Active Campaigner

**Organisation:** St Angela's Ursuline School

**Town:** London

**Region:** London

Over a 10 month period the group have worked on a project to raise awareness of girls in gangs and the issues relating to this, an issue all too real. They have presented assemblies, educated their peers – highlighting some of the dangers of being associated in a gang and encouraging their peers to seek appropriate help if they ever feel in trouble. Their commitment, team work and determination has been clear is seen and felt both in the school and wider community.

## DIANA ANTI-BULLYING CHAMPION

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Abdullahi

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Hampstead School

**Town:** London

**Region:** London

Abdullahi is a delightful and caring young man who is a role model to younger students and peers alike. From day one of his HABZ Anti-bullying Peer Supporter training he showed total dedication, taking his role seriously and showing 100% commitment. He has an exceptional understanding of the issues that recipients of bullying experienced and also some of reasons that people bully others. Abdullahi is a natural leader and assumed the role of student lead within the group; supporting those less confident and encouraging others to show their commitment to the program. He has acted extremely professionally, showing he understands the need for confidentiality, whilst at the same time adhering to our child protection policies; seeking advice and support or reporting issues where necessary.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Sunnyhill School Peer Mediation Team

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Sunnyhill Primary School

**Town:** Streatham

**Region:** London

Described as exceptional role models, the Peer Mediation Team at Sunnyhill have made a big difference to behaviour and well-being at the Streatham school, sharing anti-bullying strategies and helping resolve conflict. The 24 Year 6 pupils have demonstrated empathy, maturity and understanding in supporting and mediating between pupils and as well as highlighting through assemblies and sessions with other schools why bullying is unacceptable. They've also devised a new active mediation process for younger children using bean bags and helped develop a child-friendly anti-bullying policy for the school. In addition they organised a mufti-day, raising more than £400 for 'Childline'.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Esther

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Hampstead School

**Town:** London

**Region:** London

Esther is an absolute breath of fresh air, from day one of her HABZ Anti-Bullying Peer Supporter training her abundance of enthusiasm and dynamic energy meant she stood out from the crowd. Esther will openly admit that she is an ex-bully; who can understand both the effects of bullying on the bully and on the bullied. She has worked extremely hard and has shown total commitment to the programme; giving up part of her summer holiday to return early and support our new Year 7 intake. In particular Esther has supported the head of year 8 and one of our Learning mentors in conducting restorative justice sessions between bullies and those being bullied. HABZ has provided Esther with additional confidence & skills to publicly challenge all forms of bullying and discrimination.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Millie

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** The Grey Coat Hospital

**Town:** London

**Region:** London

Millie has worked to develop a culture in the school where bullying is unacceptable and students are confident that they know who to turn to for help if they need it. She is articulate in the need to make sure that no one feels bullied and has worked hard to spread this message in school. She has supported the school in running anti-bullying activities such as kindness day and compliment day. She has also shared her story in the media and has been an excellent ambassador for the anti-bullying campaign.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Hatch End Anti Bullying Ambassadors

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Hatch End High school

**Town:** Harrow

**Region:** London

Promoting 'random acts of kindness' is just one of the ways in which the anti-bullying ambassadors at Hatch End High in Harrow make the school a better place. Committed and enthusiastic, the ambassadors give up hours of their time to peer support, listening to younger students, patrolling the common rooms to identify issues, while those in need can refer themselves confidentially through a drop box. They liaise with teachers, have produced school surveys and also made an anti-bullying video. In addition they regularly distribute 'random acts of kindness leaflets' at lunchtime and also fund-raise through initiatives such as anti-bullying keyrings.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Mount Carmel Peer Supporters

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Mount Carmel Catholic College for Girls

**Town:** Islington

**Region:** London

Pupils making the transition into secondary education in Year 7 at Mount Carmel Catholic College for Girls feel safer and better able to cope thanks to the Islington school's peer supporters. A reassuring presence, keeping a watchful eye particularly in the playground, they are described as confident, caring and good listeners for pupils who say they'd rather share their problems with someone nearer their age than teachers. The peer supporters also organise activities for Year 7 students, liaise with form tutors and run anti-bullying assemblies for the whole school as well as sessions for tutor groups and talks for parents.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Ryan

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** AnnaKennedyonline

**Town:** Hillingdon

**Region:** London

Ryan lives with Aspergers, Dyspraxia and Hypermobility, but this doesn't stop him from helping others with similar conditions both individually and through his work as a patron of autism charity, Anna Kennedy On-line. He has suffered bullying and is determined to prevent this happening to others like him either in school, the community or on-line, speaking out about his experiences to groups around the country as well as teachers, policy-makers and audiences of hundreds. Finding comfort in acting and music, he appeared on Autism's Got Talent and has created an anti-bullying video which has already received 350,000 Youtube views.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Shandell

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Hampstead School

**Town:** London

**Region:** London

Shandell is a lively, friendly and welcoming student who has been instrumental in getting HABZ recognised as one of the leading and most influential student voices around the school. She is always polite and friendly to both staff and students; who has unofficially taken the role of HABZ ambassador, promoting the work in primary schools and to visitors to Hampstead. Shandell is always willing to help students resolve conflicts with other students; whether of a bullying nature or a falling out of friends.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Solei

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Drew Primary School

**Town:** London

**Region:** London

Ten-year-old Solei is not afraid to stand up for others and voice her opinions whether to her primary school classmates or adults including parents, teachers, politicians at the House of Commons, Prince William or on TV in a discussion about bullying. Once bullied, she now takes a lead on anti-bullying and is also passionate about other current issues including inclusion and young children's safety. A positive role-model at her East London school, she encourages pupils to be more active and vocal, as well as developing community links and encouraging parents including her father, to be more involved in school life.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Peer Mediators

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Norbury School

**Town:** Harrow

**Region:** London

The inspirational Year 6 peer mediators at Norbury School in Harrow are 'on duty' most of the time whether it's as role models or helping resolve bullying, arguments or friendship issues. Many of them also become language buddies, supporting not only those with confidence issues but those isolated by language. The mediators have improved break times with skipping games, football and basketball as well as lego and reading areas. Class Teachers report having to spend less time sorting out friendship and conflict issues whilst the Deputy Head praised the young mediators for their patience, flexibility and impact on positive behaviour.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Woodside High School Peer Mentors

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Woodside High School

**Town:** Haringey

**Region:** London

There are significantly fewer bullying incidents at Woodside High School in North London thanks to the work of the Peer Mentors. They are always on hand to listen and encourage fellow students to report any cases and not be a bystander to bullying. The mentors have set up their own 'Equalities Group' celebrating diversity, challenging prejudice and discrimination, and leading projects to tackle homophobic bullying including a staff training session. They share anti-bullying messages through assemblies, displays and their own high-profile visibility, working daily with younger students, particularly Year 7 to help them make a successful transition into secondary school.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Granton Buddies

**Category:** Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

**Organisation:** Granton Primary School

**Town:** Streatham

**Region:** London

Trained as peer mediators and anti-bullying ambassadors in Year 5, Granton Buddies are always on hand at their primary school in Streatham to help resolve arguments and support their fellow pupils. In their hi-viz jackets they are a reassuring presence at break times, playing with the younger children and re-enforcing anti-bullying messages such as 'bullying will not be tolerated' and 'be kind to yourself'. Granton now has 60 buddies in Year 5 and a further 60 in Year 6, and last year a group visited Tanzania to successfully share the benefits of peer mediation with pupils in a school there.

## DIANA CHAMPION FUNDRAISER

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Ishan  
**Category:** Diana Champion Fundraiser  
**Organisation:** Rotary Club of Battersea Park  
**Town:** London  
**Region:** London

Inspired by a family visit to Bangladesh, 10-year old entrepreneur Ishan invested his pocket money to benefit two deprived communities thousands of miles apart. Whilst away, his grandmother took him to a poor village south of the capital Dacca where he found women selling hand-crafted items to support their families. He invested his £52 to stock a Christmas stall at his Wandsworth school raising more than £400 for struggling single mothers and their children in Battersea. He has also raised £500 running a 2km marathon and volunteers with the elderly, including helping serve 500 meals at a Christmas Rotary lunch.

## DIANA CHAMPION VOLUNTEER

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Sunita  
**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer  
**Organisation:** St Dominic's Sixth Form College  
**Town:** Harrow on the Hill  
**Region:** London

A committed Hindhu, Sunita is someone whose 'compassion knows no bounds'. She has grown up with the teachings of Shishukunji, a London-based children's charity aiming to instil morals and values into the next generation. She now volunteers for the charity, helping develop children through activities and games, more recently working with a group of young teens. Sunita also gives up her evenings to help build a local community centre including painting, cleaning and clearing rubbish. Last Christmas she went on a charity trip Kenya to volunteer in a charity food shelter whilst locally she helps at an elderly care home.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Intergenerational volunteers  
**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer  
**Organisation:** Haverstock School  
**Town:** Camden  
**Region:** London

As intergenerational volunteers, three inspirational teenagers have been the heart of activities at Haverstock School for the past five years, making an enormous difference to the lives of old and young in their diverse North London community. They regularly give up Saturdays to help run pensioner bingo and social sessions, whilst in school as volunteer library assistants, they encourage pupils love of reading. As performers they act in hard-hitting productions with people as old as 80, covering issues such as forced marriage, whilst two of them helped in a video highlighting the dangers of drugs for Fitzrovia's Youth in Action.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Geoffrey's circle of friends

**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer

**Organisation:** The Gateway Centre

**Town:** Twickenham

**Region:** London

Geoffrey has autism. Even though he settled academically into his new mainstream school in Twickenham, he had difficulty making friends. Following a presentation to the whole class about the social isolation of autism, four of his peers, who knew and liked Geoffrey, volunteered to form a circle of friends group in January 2014. Since then they have consistently supported him, making a real difference to his enjoyment of school, helping him develop his social skills through games and resolving any 'name-calling' or conflict through misunderstood social communication on Geoffrey's part. He is now a calmer and happier person at school.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Valentin

**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer

**Organisation:** Notre Dame de la Providence

**Town:** Vincennes

**Region:** London

It is in Valentin's nature to help others and make sure everyone gets a chance to fulfil their dreams and expectations. Whilst at his French high school in Vincennes, he volunteered as a tutor and mentor to those underachieving academically, also organising outside trips to museums, galleries and social events. A role model, he helped fellow students achieve higher grades, deepening their knowledge particularly in English, French, Spanish, Maths and Physics. He also mentored students who had dropped out of school, giving them the tools and confidence to return to education, as well as volunteering with elderly and homeless charities.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Sujiva

**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer

**Organisation:** Park High School

**Town:** Middlesex

**Region:** London

Once a shy year 7 pupil who found it difficult to make friends, Sujiva now leads the way in volunteering and fund-raising at her school in NW London and in the community, inspiring fellow students to follow her example. A member of the Harrow Youth Parliament and also a youth board which encourages more girls into sport, she helps bring new opportunities to young people, as well as campaigning for gay rights and against bullying. She volunteers and raises funds for the local hospice and also heart and breast cancer charities. She is an ambassador for the Red Cross.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Lynk Up Crew

**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer

**Organisation:** Greater London Authority

**Town:** Southwark

**Region:** London

The Lynk Up Crew are a bright young group of individuals that are enthusiastic about the issues for young people across London. Not only do they voice the unified opinions of the young people in London. The group give up their Saturdays once a month to come up with ideas that would benefit their communities. The Lynk Up Crew have also collaborated with 'Free Your Mind' on a video that expresses domestic abuse in families, they were recorded to voice their views on how domestic abuse can be resolved and how it may affect victims. The group are very dynamic and each individual offers something nique to the session, they work very hard in order to try and improve London for young Londoners.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** WOODMANSTERNE PEER MEDIATORS

**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer

**Organisation:** WOODMANSTERNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Town:** STREATHAM

**Region:** London

This remarkable and enthusiastic group of young people give up their time every day to help their peers and make a real difference in the school community. They have made a positive impact in the playground, assisting staff in monitoring peers who may find themselves in difficult situations. They have an excellent sense of responsibility and go above and beyond what is asked of them, taking pride in their role. They also excel as a team and are highly regarded by all.

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Maryam

**Category:** Diana Champion Volunteer

**Organisation:** Sir John Cass Red Coat School

**Town:** London

**Region:** London

When Maryam volunteered for the Al-Isharah deaf charity she learnt sign language to understand better the challenges deaf people face. It is a determination and commitment she brings to everything she does from her charity events such as raising £3,000 for orphans in Africa to campaigning for women against issues such as FGM and domestic violence. She volunteered for her local MP, and for a community organisation creating links within Tower Hamlets, and appears regularly on a youth TV show. She also inspires primary school children to follow her love of books by helping at a summer holiday reading club.

## DIANA COURAGOUS CITIZEN

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Tommy

**Category:** Diana Courageous Citizen

**Organisation:** Harold Court Primary School

**Town:** Romford

**Region:** London

Eleven-year old Tommy is a young carer for his mother with MS and a 'fantastic' role model for his younger brother and sister as well as fellow pupils. A great ambassador for his school, Harold Court Primary, he demonstrates 'a mountain of courage' daily, cooking, cleaning and looking after the family. He has also faced domestic abuse and the death of his father. Despite his home/life challenges, Tommy keeps up with his school work and helps others, demonstrating what is described as 'wow factor in his amazing attitude and ability to keep smiling every day' - and his cooking skills!

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Katie  
**Category:** Diana Courageous Citizen  
**Organisation:** Back Up  
**Town:** London  
**Region:** London

Katie has scoliosis, which has gradually crushed her spinal cord. Yet despite the resulting loss of movement, fatigue and pain which sometimes means she has to use a wheelchair, she volunteers for the spinal injury charity Back up and is dedicated to educating people, having appeared in several awareness raising films. She is also the charity's only youth advisor to attend the Nordic camp for spinal injury in Oslo, travelling independently for the first time to help develop international understanding. Her positive can-do attitude inspires others with spinal injury who are encouraged through her support to 'live the life they want'

**Award Holder/Group Name:** Sophie  
**Category:** Diana Courageous Citizen  
**Organisation:** Kingsmead School  
**Town:** Enfield  
**Region:** London

The whole school cheered when they heard Sophie had a place to study medicine. Despite losing her father to a cancer and taking time off her school in Enfield to help with his palliative care, Sophie got the best GCSE results. Admired and liked for her modesty, Sophie inspires and helps fellow students to achieve academically, including founding a support group for those applying for medicine. Outside school, she fundraises and helps some of the most vulnerable, teaching computer skills to the elderly, organising food bank donations, working at the hospice as well as with the Women's Royal Volunteer Service.