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DIANA ACTIVE CAMPAIGNER

Award Holder/Group Name: Ellen

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Cranbrook School

Town: Cranbrook

Region: South East

As Head girl, Ellen is described by her School in Cranbrook, Kent, as 'a beacon of inspiration' to fellow students, particularly the girls, with a passion and dedication to engage the next generation of voters. A bold, charismatic and exciting young woman, she has overcome her lack of confidence to chair increasingly popular weekly debates on social, cultural and political issues where she is unafraid to tackle difficult or controversial topics such as the Syrian conflict, immigration or 'lad culture'. She also organises debates with local politicians, often attracting audiences of 400 or more, as well as whole school campaigns.

Award Holder/Group Name: Mackenzie

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: TASIS The American School in England

Town: Thorpe

Region: South East

Nothing is too big a task for Mackenzie when it comes to campaigning for a better world both locally and globally. Within days of arriving at the American school in Surrey, she had launched her first campaign focusing on global prevention of infectious disease, whilst further initiatives include mass post-card writing to governments throughout the world about the refugee crisis. She has organised fund-raisers for causes such as Syrian refugees and worked on an environmental campaign to make her school more 'green'. A catalyst to young volunteering, she has created on-line support and a new school ambassador position for service-learning.

Award Holder/Group Name: Rosalind

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Piggott School

Town: Wargrave

Region: South East

Rosalind's passion for human rights and self-less attitude has inspired others at her Berkshire school to join her in campaigning for Amnesty International. She has set up an active youth group committed to supporting Amnesty's work across the globe through fund-raising and writing letters to end torture and address the rights of women and refugees. Innovative fund-raising including selling cookies on Valentine's day under the banner 'Love is a human right' has raised hundreds of pounds. She has also recently returned from Auschwitz as a Holocaust Education Trust ambassador and was a finalist in Amnesty's reporter of the year award.

DIANA ANTI-BULLYING CHAMPION

Award Holder/Group Name: Casey-Rae
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: Alec Hunter Academy
Town: Braintree
Region: South East

Casey has been described as a personable young lady with a passion for anti-bullying. This passion has led her to create programs within her school to educate her fellow students on the importance of prevention. As a member of the National Anti-Bullying Youth Board, Casey is proactive in her efforts by giving presentations to her Headteacher, speaking in assemblies to her fellow students and has also run a workshop for all new students. Furthermore, she has recently helped to set up a drop in for students every lunch hour and is continually looking at ways to raise the awareness of anti-bullying.

Award Holder/Group Name: Alexandra (known as Chilli)
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: Fort Pitt Grammar School
Town: Chatham
Region: South East

Chilli regularly attends meetings with the Diana Award staff contributing ideas regarding the creation of resources. Chilli went on a trip to Facebook's Dublin HQ to learn more about online safety. Impressively, Chilli has also spoken on national television about her experience of being bullied and her role as a member of the Board. Chilli writes a blog for the Anti-Bullying Pro website about how Ambassadors can enhance their work and has reached out to the online YouTube community to ask them to support the campaign. In turn, these YouTubers then became Ambassadors and used their popularity to reach 80 million followers, spreading the campaign to a massive audience.

Award Holder/Group Name: TMCS anti-bullying ambassadors
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: the magna carta school
Town: STAINES UPON THAMES
Region: South East

The group of ambassadors have been relentless in tackling bullying at Magna Carta. As well as dedicating hours of their spare time to helping other pupils, they are also making huge strides in changing attitudes and views in the school around what is acceptable behaviour both online and in the classroom, encouraging their fellow pupils to be upstanders. They put on assemblies, spread happiness around the school with 'Happy Bags,' work with local primary schools and host parent information evenings. In the words of their nominator, 'they are fair, firm, formidable and totally committed', a true asset to the school and brilliant role models.

Award Holder/Group Name: anti-bullying ambassadors
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: THE MAGNA CARTA SCHOOL
Town: STAINES UPON THAMES
Region: South East

The anti-bullying ambassadors at Magna Carta School in Surrey are commended as 'selfless, courageous, ingenious and relentless in their pursuit to put a stop to bullying, superb role models in class, on the playground, in public. True anti-bullying champions.' Students feel safer knowing there's the safe haven of an anti-bullying room and that the ambassadors are always there and around school to listen and support them. They've helped deal with incidents such as homophobic bullying, whilst spreading anti-bullying messages through assemblies and talks to parents and staff. Their fund-raising initiatives are varied – cake sales to rock concerts and film festivals.

Award Holder/Group Name: H2L (Here to Listen)

Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion

Organisation: Neale-Wade Academy

Town: Cambridgeshire

Region: South East

The peer-mentoring group at Neale-Wade Academy in Cambridgeshire live up to their 'Hear to Listen' name, always being on hand to support students who are struggling to cope. The H2L volunteers give a clear message that bullying is unacceptable. They go into feeder primary schools to reassure and talk to Year 6 pupils, as well as leading assemblies for fellow students, raising awareness with initiatives such as a wall for anti-bullying pledges during anti-bullying week. Paired with individual Year 7s, they support the sometimes difficult transition to secondary school, as well as fundraising with sales from cakes to charity bands.

DIANA CHAMPION FUNDRAISER

Award Holder/Group Name: Katharine House Hospice fundraising team

Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser

Organisation: Sibford School

Town: Oxfordshire

Region: South East

This group has shown tremendous energy, dedication and commitment in running this "mini- enterprise" each week during term time. The school has had a good relationship with the Katharine House Hospice for many years group have brought wonderful insights into the art of fund raising and significantly raised the profile of all our charity work, and at the same have encouraged the fundraisers at the hospice to roll out this brilliant fund raising idea to other schools in the area. There is an increasingly long queue for the milk shakes the young people serve from the Home Economics rooms each week, and the team has developed real business expertise and a strong sense of purpose and team spirit. They are mutually supportive and have earned the respect of staff and students for the service they provide. The group has so far raised over £1000 for the charity.

Award Holder/Group Name: Fabienne

Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser

Organisation: Challengers

Town: Surrey

Region: South East

When Fabienne, described as 'a charismatic and courageous young lady', saw the importance of the play opportunities offered by the charity Challengers to disabled children like her brother Sam, she was determined help through fund-raising. She says that the Guildford Centre, which her brother attends, has put a smile on his face, helping him socialise as well as supporting her family. Fabienne has raised over £1300 through initiatives such as cake sales and a milkshake bar at her school. She also educates students and others about disability through school assemblies and coffee afternoons to reach parents and the wider community.

DIANA CHAMPION VOLUNTEER

Award Holder/Group Name: Alice

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Cranbrook School

Town: Cranbrook

Region: South East

Alice is an inspirational leader, described as 'selfless girl, committed, reliable and really one in a million'. As Head of Cranbrook School's CFF, she organises fun, interesting and worthwhile training for senior cadets including a recent first aid course for 40 who went on to pass their St John's Award. She also mentors the junior cadets encouraging them in adventurous and challenging activities. Her leadership qualities are also evident in her contribution to sport and dance in the school, her role as house captain, speaking at assemblies as well as her passion for the environment through the Eco schools group.

Award Holder/Group Name: Billy

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Neale-Wade Academy

Town: March

Region: South East

As a youth worker and from his own experience of feeling low and vulnerable, Billy understands how important it is to listen to those he works with at his local youth centre. His listening skills are also an important part of his involvement in a peer mentoring initiative called H2L (Hear to Listen) at his Cambridgeshire school. In particular he helped two year 7 pupils through a difficult time and is always there for other fellow students needing to talk. A keen gardener, he also volunteers an afternoon a week at a local primary school with their gardening group

Award Holder/Group Name: Charlie

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Neale-Wade Academy

Town: March

Region: South East

Charlie has taken the lead in anti-bullying at Neale-Wade Academy following his training as a Diana Anti-Bullying Ambassador last year. He has delivered the anti-bullying message in assemblies to years 7 to 10 as well as highlighting support offered in school including the friendly ear through the H2L (Hear to Listen) offered by student volunteers like himself. He has a calming influence on others and is described as 'very socially aware', volunteering to litter pick around the school and help at events including fund-raising for young carers. He also volunteers weekly in the community as a member of the police cadets.

Award Holder/Group Name: Literacy Volunteers

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Lakeside School

Town: Hampshire

Region: South East

Despite their own special needs, four pupils at Lakeside School in Hampshire volunteer their time to help fellow pupils develop their reading skills and love of books. Two of the Literacy Volunteers, Konnor and Jacob have become the School's first librarians whilst Alex and Stephen are educators and mentors for those requiring extra literary support. A measure of their success and commitment has been making the library a more popular and welcoming place and also helping improve the reading ages of pupils from Year 7 to 10 at the small 84-pupil school where around half the pupils have dyslexic tendencies.

Award Holder/Group Name: Konrad
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Invicta Grammar School
Town: Maidstone
Region: South East

Konrad is hardworking and committed to his role as 'computer buddy' at Kent History and Library Centre, volunteering hundreds of hours over the past four years since he first became involved as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. He has helped library users from children using computers for homework projects to the elderly including those researching their family background or needing to complete on-line documentation. Giving confidence and new skills to library users intimidated or new to computers, he has helped roll out free Wi-Fi as well as testing computer systems and working on the Library's Magna Carta exhibition

Award Holder/Group Name: Phoenix Youth Forum
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: The Phoenix Youth Project
Town: Kent
Region: South East

Phoenix Youth Forum at Sandwich in Kent has helped many teenagers turn their life around. The three nominees are no exception. In the past all three, who are now core volunteers at the youth project supporting 60 teenagers, have had issues with behaviour, including police involvement and poor school attendance. They've all had caring responsibilities of siblings or parents from a young age but give selflessly 100s of hours of their time helping others, supporting the Community centre, advising local councils and raising funds for the food bank and major projects including the £15K refurbishment of the town's skate park.

Award Holder/Group Name: abbey school peer mentors
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Abbey school faversham
Town: faversham
Region: South East

The Abbey School Peer Mentors are a group of young people who have supported vulnerable students at their school and encouraged positive behaviour throughout their entire school community. They have dedicated their free time to provide in-class and playground peer support and have taken the lead on anti-bullying initiatives throughout the year including kindness days and assemblies. The group are also passionate fundraisers and have supported Children in Need, Macmillan and Cancer Research.

Award Holder/Group Name: Bethany
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: The Littlehampton Academy
Town: Littlehampton
Region: South East

Those who know Beth sum her up in three words 'creative, life changing and passionate'. A community star who brings a smile to peoples' faces, she inspires others both locally and round the world. Whether volunteering with local primary children in Sussex, with Roma gipsies in the heart of Romania or in Uganda with refugees, Beth is an inspiring leader and organiser. As Head girl at her Sussex school she regularly speaks to and on behalf of the 1500 students who elected her. She also helps run creative and sporting activities locally including summer play schemes and week-long camps.

Award Holder/Group Name: Youth University Leaders
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Youth University, Davison C of E High School for Girls
Town: West Sussex
Region: South East

Youth University is a community programme based at Davison C of E High School in Worthing, inspiring boys and girls aged 5-14 from different schools, backgrounds and abilities to get involved with enriching and fun activities. The student volunteers help at the out-of-school sessions, providing positive, caring role models and support to more vulnerable members of the community. The four nominees have each given more than 100 hours of their free time. As YU leaders and study buddies working with individual children, they help teachers and staff on a variety of courses including performance, art, history, citizenship and adventure activities.

DIANA COURAGOUS CITIZEN

Award Holder/Group Name: Annalise
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Neale-Wade Academy
Town: March
Region: South East

Annalise has to use a wheelchair sometimes and suffered name-calling and ridicule when she first started at secondary school because she wore a wig due to total hair loss through alopecia. But despite all this, she is a 'happy chirpy girl', supporting others who are being bullied and unafraid to confront issues she thinks are unfair. As part of the 'Hear to Listen' initiative at Neale-Wade Academy, she befriends and advise younger students, patrolling areas used particularly by year 7s at break times. She also helps Year 6 pupils make the transition to secondary school and fund-raised for Anti-Bullying Week.

Award Holder/Group Name: Amber
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Neale-Wade Academy
Town: March
Region: South East

Outgoing and confident, Amber strives to support fellow students when they are struggling. In her young life she has had to overcome her own problems, particularly with mobility and the pain of many operations on her feet and legs which have forced her to use a wheelchair at times. This however doesn't stop her participating fully in school life and she works tirelessly to achieve the targets which she sets herself. She is a very visible role model, providing support through the H2L 'Hear to Listen' peer-mentoring. She also completed the 'Race for Life '2015 and fund-raised for Anti-bullying week.

Award Holder/Group Name: Alice
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Alfriston School
Town: Beaconsfield
Region: South East

To her friends, Alice, who has Down's Syndrome, is a princess, always smiling, a good friend who is helpful and supportive. She has attended Alfriston School in East Sussex, which caters for moderate learning difficulties, for six and a half years. During that time she has maintained her positive outlook despite having to cope with various embarrassing and upsetting health problems. She is described by teachers as a good role model, caring, hard-working and ready to comfort others when they are upset. Alice has bravely faced a number of operations and has now learnt to cope with a colostomy bag.

Award Holder/Group Name: Tyra
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Cove Junior School
Town: Farnborough
Region: South East

Tyra was born with a painful condition where she is missing part of her right fibula. It is a disability which would have stopped many children but not Tyra whose dream is to one day walk in high heels. Already a superb gymnast through her courage and determination, she decided at 10 to have an operation where surgeons break her leg, and fit an external cage with pins which are tightened every day to draw the two ends of bone further apart. Her bravery is an inspiration to her whole school in Hampshire – and also visitors like Olympian Nathan Fox.

Award Holder/Group Name: Imogen
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: One Community
Town: Eastleigh
Region: South East

When she was 15, Imogen lost her mother for whom she had cared during a terminal illness. That was two years ago, and she is a fantastic example to others at the Eastleigh Young Carers project in Hampshire. Despite her own caring responsibilities and then the devastating loss of her mum, she worked hard at school and now college, also maintaining a part-time job and supporting her siblings and cousins. Friendly and approachable, she is described as a calming influence and 'shining example' of how to behave, kind-hearted, thoughtful and always arriving with a smile on her face – an inspiration.