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DIANA ACTIVE CAMPAIGNER

Award Holder/Group Name: Year 10 Student Leaders

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Rastrick High School

Town: Brighouse

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

After a fellow student narrowly missed being hit by a car outside of their school, this group of elected classmates worked together to write to city Council raising their concerns regarding student safety. Together the students and council professionals devised a monitoring program to run throughout the school week. Year 10 Student Leaders began to monitor traffic speed and recorded students difficulty crossing the road to school. Not only did they present their research to the head of the school they also fundraised to create an information leaflet and posters with details and advice for students and motorists. Their work has directly impacted each of the 3,000 students at the school.

Award Holder/Group Name: Brave Young Souls

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Grange Technology College

Town: Bradford

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Brave Young Souls is a group of students who aim to change the way many view LGBT issues and promote equality within in the school and in the community. They have worked closely with school administration to educate students on the topic by organizing workshops, designing a pastoral curriculum and making school wide announcements despite receiving some resistance. Their efforts have improved the lives of many within the school and will in turn create a positive effect throughout the community.

Award Holder/Group Name: Emily

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Whitcliffe Mount School

Town: Cleckheaton

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Emily's passion for improving quality of life lead her to start a successful campaign in her community to demolish an unsightly building near by. The demolition of the building ensured that students and youth from the area wouldn't be enticed to hang around near the abandoned site nor would anyone be tempted to mark it with graffiti. After the successful campaign, Emily began empowering her fellow peers to also step up and make their opinions known. She actively leads by example to show that every voice counts.

Award Holder/Group Name: Jasmine

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Priesthorpe School

Town: Leeds

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Jasmine was diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder in 2004. This life changing diagnosis motivated Jasmine to help others and she has worked ever since as an advocacy for Autism Awareness. It has always been important to her to support autistic students and help staff/parents learn how to properly support autistic children as well. Jasmine volunteers weekly at a local youth group called Leeds ABC (Autism Behaviour Communication Support Group. She also enjoys expressing her thoughts through art and public speaking. Her brave and knowledgeable words have empowered and educated more than a few and her courage has inspired many.

Award Holder/Group Name: Rotherham Youth Cabinet

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Rotherham Youth Cabinet

Town: Rotherham

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Rotherham Youth Cabinet is a group of enthusiastic, motivated and committed young people who endeavour to campaign on issues which are important to other young people in Rotherham. They meet regularly and volunteer their time to work on a range of campaigns and issues young people have identified. Over the last three years they have positively contributed to helping improve services and support for young people in Rotherham with regard to Mental Health, ensuring young people's voices are heard by Managers and Decision Makers. They are an amazing group, dedicated to improving the lives of other young people in Rotherham and are fantastic role models who we are very proud of.

Award Holder/Group Name: UK Youth Parliament 2014-16

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Voice Influence and Change Team, Leeds City Council

Town: Leeds

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

The UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) enables young people to use their energy and passion to change the world for the better. Run by young people for young people, provides opportunities for 11 to 18 years old to use their voice in creative ways to bring about social change. In 2014 Minhaz, Shamim, Nicole and Sam were elected as MYP's to represent young people in Leeds on a local and national level and during the two years they have committed over 1000 hours collectively. They have worked together as a team and had incredible achievements; speaking at the HoC, shadowing MP's at Whitehall, consulting with 36,000 young people, delivered political awareness training and Shamim won a British Muslim Youth Award

Award Holder/Group Name: Winterton Peer Mentors

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Winterton Community Academy

Town: Scunthorpe

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

The Winterton Peer Mentors have made an excellent contribution to the learning and well being of the lower school community. These young people develop from when they started in training sessions to where they are now which is working with enthusiasm and confidence. They have given up their time willingly to ensure that those pupils who need the expertise of another young person have had support at all times. They are a worthy group of young people who have shown initiative and commitment and their contribution has been much appreciated in school. They are excellent role models who show the best that young people have to offer.

Award Holder/Group Name: Sheffield Children in Care Council

Category: Diana Active Campaigner

Organisation: Children's Involvement Team

Town: Sheffield

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

This courageous group of young people in foster and residential care have to come together to improve the care system and experiences for those in care at Sheffield. They have each have a story to tell and have all endured difficult experiences early in life, yet they have bravely elected to use their position to develop a film explaining where they came from and what they have been through to give Social Workers advice on how best to work with children and young people in care. Their film was profoundly useful and is now being used to train all new Social Workers throughout their region. This team of audacious young adults have changed the perception of new and existing professionals working with children in care and have in turn changed the lives of countless children in their community.

DIANA ANTI-BULLYING CHAMPION

Award Holder/Group Name: Alex
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: Silcoates School
Town: Wakefield
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Alex's natural charisma, outgoing personality and creativity have shaped him to become a student with great positive influence. He is seemingly effortlessly able to support and nurture fellow students or members of the community who need a helping hand. Alex was one of the founders of an anti-bullying team at his school in 2013 and has since grown to be the Lead Student for anti-bullying. He organised the signing of an anti-bullying pledge in 2014 (which was signed by the entire school) and has made effective presentations to his peers at assemblies. As someone who had greatly benefited from a mentor himself, Alex knows the importance of being a guiding star and is always stepping up to be just that.

Award Holder/Group Name: Rebecca
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: Wales High School
Town: Sheffield
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

As a victim of it herself, Rebecca knows first hand the importance of raising awareness around bullying. It is her goal to ensure no one else experiences what she did and to also provide hope to those who may be going through something similar. Rebecca openly shares about her Autism when she addresses her audiences at speaking engagements and assemblies. She has vowed to not hold back and to make herself available to those who need a friend. She has won Rotherham Young Volunteer of the Year 2014 and actively participates with many organizations such as Young Minds, Teens Wanna Know, Ditch the Label and Childline.

Award Holder/Group Name: Chloe
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: Berkeley Junior School
Town: Scunthorpe
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Chloe has been described as a 'natural' when it comes to crisis management and speaking with her peers in times of distress. She has stepped up, on her own accord, to help many students whom she noticed could use a friend. It was her support and kindness that allowed her classmates to gain the confidence they needed to thrive. She has become an active member of the school community by becoming a Playground Buddy and Reading Buddy and has already made an impact.

Award Holder/Group Name: McAuley Buddies
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: McAuley Catholic High School
Town: Doncaster
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

McAuley Buddies are an amazing group of young people who make up our school's Anti-Bullying team. They work tirelessly to promote anti-bullying and peer mentoring work and give up their free time to support other young people in our community. Buddies are available at break and lunchtimes to offer drop-in sessions to students with problems or worries and organise activities and assemblies during the year. In addition, they take part in Open evenings and Year 6 transition days to reassure students and parents with any queries or concerns. Buddies really make a difference to life in school for students, staff and parents. Young people know that they can rely on Buddies if they have a problem and thus feel safer in school while staff appreciate their commitment to the school's caring ethos.

Award Holder/Group Name: Leys Farm Junior Buddies
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: Leys Farm Junior School
Town: Scunthorpe
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

The 12 buddies work hard every day to ensure children in our school are happy. They put in all their effort to solve problems such as fall outs between friends. If a child has no-one to play with, they will make sure they find someone of their age to play with them. During lunchtimes the buddies set up a special buddy area where they organise games for the children. This is very popular and it helps all children especially for those who find it difficult to join in games. If it is wet play, all buddies go into their designated classrooms and look after those children playing games with them or just chatting with them.

Award Holder/Group Name: Peer Mentors
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: MELIOR COMMUNITY ACCADEMY
Town: SCUNTHORPE
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

These students all come from different backgrounds in life, but they all work together as a group and on their own to make the school a safe and happy environment for others. They always put others first before themselves. Students have attended drop in at break and lunch, given up time in summer holidays to help out at summer school. Attended year 7 camp helping and supporting students and staff. We as a school are very proud of these students they are all heroes in the school and deserve to be recognised for all they have done. They are outstanding students one has gone on to be head girl in school and two are deputy heads. Others are also year 11 prefects.

Award Holder/Group Name: Parkwood Academy Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
Category: Diana Anti-Bullying Champion
Organisation: Parkwood Academy
Town: Sheffield
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

This group have been running for over 2 years in Parkwood, and it has been the most effective measure they have to eliminate bullying within the school. The students have reduced the average number of bullying incidents reported from over 14 a week to an average of 1.5 a week. The students have taken complete ownership of this project, and are almost completely self-motivated. There are many students who will regularly speak to an anti-bullying ambassador to help them with their issues before speaking to a staff member.

DIANA CHAMPION FUNDRAISER

Award Holder/Group Name: Martha
Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser
Organisation: South Craven School
Town: Cross Hills
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Although Martha suffers from Hypermobility Syndrome, she is selflessly aware that there are still others who are less fortunate than her. Her kindness combined with her passion for music, baking and sewing have lead her to organize local fundraisers which benefit Cancer Research UK, The Royal British Legion, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Candlelighters. Martha's passion for helping others is what inspires her and her hard work and dedication has in turn inspired countless others around her.

Award Holder/Group Name: Fraya
Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser
Organisation: Brayton High School
Town: Selby
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Fraya is an exceptionally dedicated, inspirational and hardworking girl who gives her time freely to support those less fortunate than herself. She began fundraising at the age of 7 and has gone from strength to strength. Nothing is too much trouble, her thoughts are always how she can help others, and she is truly selfless. How she finds time to organise so many events whilst remaining focused and committed to her own success is amazing, she is an inspiration. Fraya's ethos is that if it is important to one person then it is important to her, we all have 'A Chance' to make a difference. So came the Charity 'My Chance' which Fraya runs or her parents do until she is 18. Fraya says that as long as her heart beats in a morning and at night, she will continue to try and support others!

Award Holder/Group Name: Matthew
Category: Diana Champion Fundraiser
Organisation: South Hunsley School
Town: Hull
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Matthew was just 4 when he lost his father, who was only 31, to Bowel Cancer. Now as a young man, Matthew has made it his passion in life to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support because he knows first hand how influential and helpful they can be. His friendly and compassionate demeanor along with his drive and strength make Matthew a tremendous inspiration for those around him. To date, Matthew has raised over £2300.00. On top of all his fundraising efforts, Matthew has also dedicated his spare time to helping raise awareness by distributing informational leaflets which he created himself.

DIANA CHAMPION VOLUNTEER

Award Holder/Group Name: Corey
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Firth Park Academy
Town: Sheffield
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

At a young age, Corey was able to identify sports and helping others as two of the most important things to him. He has since developed many creative ways to combine his two passions into a positive and constructive outlet. For a number of years, Corey has coached Primary school students, helped run school sports day and worked with local Police to get disengaged youngsters off the streets and refocusing them into sports such as football. Corey donates his free time on summer holidays to being a leader at the summer and holiday school for students between the ages of 8 and 14. And as a peer mentor he has acted as a role model for younger students, supporting them in improving their academic achievement.

Award Holder/Group Name: Michael
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: McAuley Catholic High School
Town: Doncaster
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Dedicating most of his free time, Michael has been volunteering as a school buddy for a number of years and has become a valued member of the team as he strives to create a bully-free environment throughout the entire school. Michael encourages his peers to also get involved by leading through example and sharing information about the program with new students and during assemblies. The buddy program at his school is now stronger than ever and is able to positively impact many more students because of it.

Award Holder/Group Name: Liam
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: St Augustine's School
Town: Scarborough
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Liam is considered an outstanding member of his school's charity group. Without hesitation, Liam is consistently going above and beyond to help those in need and put their best interests first. Throughout his work as a volunteer he has gained much confidence and has taken part in Catholic life at school. Liam is a great role model for his peers as he is always willing to take action and lend a hand. Many have benefitted from his selfless work as a volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul and he hopes to continue making a difference as he grows up.

Award Holder/Group Name: Maimuna
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: The South Leeds Academy
Town: Leeds
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Maimuna has volunteered every break and lunch hour in last 20 months in her school's library. She has devoted all her spare time to ensuring her fellow schoolmates can benefit from all the resources the library has to offer. She actively seeks to improve the library by making suggestions and is determined to always carry through with her proposals. She has a very gentle way of explaining library rules to students and always strives to ensure users have a positive experience in the library and that academy values are upheld. Her dedication and professionalism has allowed numerous students the opportunity to further their education and enjoy a fulfilling student life.

Award Holder/Group Name: Megan
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Rastrick High School
Town: Brighouse
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Megan routinely volunteers each and every Saturday morning at a local retirement home. Her work there makes a difference with all of the residents as she always makes time to chat with them and ensure their needs are met. She works very hard when she visits, making drinks, placing orders, cleaning up and has eagerly continued volunteering at the home even though her set commitment has been fulfilled. Megan hopes to continue her work and perhaps embark on a career in working with elders once she is finished school.

Award Holder/Group Name: Winterton 'Chill' Programme

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: Winterton Community Academy

Town: Scunthorpe

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

These mentors have worked together to show understanding and dedication to others in school and the community to make this programme a success. Also working with enthusiasm and confidence to achieve their goals. They have helped raise money for 'Wobbly' Wednesday for children with Nystagmus an eye condition. Helped out at Parents Evenings and Induction Night for year 6 pupils and parents. Run friendship groups at lunchtimes for lower school pupils making puppets and other fun things to increase their self esteem and helped increase the reading age of lower school pupils by reading with them once a week during tutor time.

Award Holder/Group Name: Bubby club

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: The Joseph Rowntree School

Town: York

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Last year this group of students went to see their teacher with an idea - they wanted to help year 6 students moving up from primary school with the difficult and sometimes worrying transition process. As these students had been through this themselves they felt they wanted to come up with some ideas and see if they could make a difference.

The Buddy club was formed! This really is an outstanding group of young people who are a credit to their school. They are independent, hardworking and dedicated to their cause.

Award Holder/Group Name: Homeless Champions

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: St Mary's College

Town: Hull

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Emily and Lucy took part in a Government scheme to help a homeless shelter - HULLHARP. The reason for this is that the shelter had recently closed due to a lack of funding. The students performed a variety of voluntary activities to re-open the shelter. They redecorated the entire shelter, they slept rough outside the KC stadium to raise money for the shelter. They presented their project and ideas to the Starbucks UK Youth Grant in Sheffield -winning the grant of £2500. Emily and Lucy have a strong sense of morality and they know that those who are in need in society deserve the most help.

Award Holder/Group Name: Rach

Category: Diana Champion Volunteer

Organisation: McAuley Catholic High School

Town: Doncaster

Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Since year 9, Rach has eagerly taken part in her school's Buddy Program. By becoming a buddy, many students have already benefited from the support Rach has given them. Students have demonstrated that they are happier in school which has also positively translated to their studies. Rach eagerly shares her experience with the Buddy Program with other students so that they may also join and help their peers. Though her volunteer work consumes most of her free time, Rach is always friendly and committed to helping others.

Award Holder/Group Name: Sophie
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Leeds West Academy
Town: Leeds
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Sophie is described as being both noble and generous at all times. It has been said there isn't a single person she knows that she hasn't helped when help was needed. In addition to taking on more responsibilities at home, she also volunteers with Girl Guides and has spent several months making jewellery by hand which she sells at various galas and events. The money raised will help to send her to India where she dreams of helping on an aid project.

Award Holder/Group Name: The Bambisanani Partnership
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: St. Mary's School
Town: Leeds
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

The group volunteered as part of the Bambisanani Partnership visit to South Africa, June 2015. They delivered a Sports Leadership programme to SA students, teachers, Sports Assistants and volunteers in deprived Kwa Zulu Natal. The South African students hosted a sports/literacy festival for over 120 primary school children and developed the necessary skills to continue to offer sporting opportunities to fellow students and local communities. The St. Mary's students delivered curriculum lessons to SA students: science lesson on the heart, surface area/volume, economics lesson on production lines. The impact of their work on young people and adults in both countries is exceptional.

Award Holder/Group Name: Peer Mentors
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Howden School
Town: Goole
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

These young people have become a symbol of the school's ethos and represent many positive facets. Peer Mentors are an integral part of the Transition process, allowing new students to engage in the school's community, knowing that they are being supported and valued. Providing an easily contactable facility throughout the day regardless of their own needs emphasises the selflessness of the group. They are a regular and consistent presence around school dealing with a range of issues from bullying, to concerns in the domestic environment. Attending parents, and open evenings. Acting as a significant support structure to all of our students, has allowed a more harmonious and tightly knit community upon which our school thrives.

Award Holder/Group Name: Thomas
Category: Diana Champion Volunteer
Organisation: Lightcliffe Academy
Town: Halifax
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Thomas' service to each of his endeavours has impacted the lives of both young people and adults throughout the community and even nationwide. Thomas embodies many qualities which allow him to be a strong and compassionate leader with a natural ability to command respect from those he is working with. It is because of this that his peers and fellow students look up to him and learn so much from him. Thomas has worked closely over the years with The Scouts and St. John's Ambulance, becoming a first aider and helping out at numerous events. On top of all this, Thomas is also a peer mentor for a younger student in his school with whom he shares his zest for life and eagerness to help.

DIANA COURAGOUS CITIZEN

Award Holder/Group Name: Molly
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Counting Hope
Town: Grimsby
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

As a Free the Children ambassador, Molly works very hard to ensure she does what she can for her community. She has worked closely over the years with St. Andrew's Hospice, a nearby homeless shelter and with WeDay. Drawing inspiration from what she learned by participating in WeDay she decided to organize MiniWeDay which encouraged students from all over the region to take part and make a difference. Molly uses her popular YouTube channel to encourage others to help their communities and her work has most definitely done so.

Award Holder/Group Name: Junior
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Leeds West Academy
Town: Leeds
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

As someone who had experienced bullying first hand, Junior knows the importance of everyone having a healthy and proactive outlet. For Junior, this outlet was dance. Dance allowed him to focus his emotion and attention towards something that made him feel good and also introduced him to a community of people of similar mindset. Junior was awarded the Yorkshire Child of Courage and Achievement award in 2015 and also received a Child Friendly Leeds Award in 2016. Additionally, he has recently been asked to become ambassador for the charity Dance Aid, which uses dance to help raise money for underprivileged and disabled children in the UK and Africa.

Award Holder/Group Name: Kodey
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Leeds East Academy
Town: Leeds
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Kodey is a focused and mighty student who has been living with Cerebral Palsy all her life. She strives everyday to not allow the hardships she has experienced affect her negatively. It is her ability to pull positives from negatives that inspires those around her. Her fellow classmates were able to identify this amazing quality and vote her into School Council which allows her to positively impact the school on a daily basis. Kodey is an inspiration to many as she trains to reach her goal of hopefully competing in the Paralympics one day.

Award Holder/Group Name: Lauren
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: UTC Sheffield
Town: Sheffield
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Lauren is known as a charming and compassionate student whose selfless demor is not only inspiring but also admirable despite her life altering health problems. Lauren suffers daily from the pain of arthritis, although you would never know it. She is constantly putting others first and always looking for ways to help her peers. Lauren spends a considerable amount of time volunteering in the community and striving to make a difference.

Award Holder/Group Name: Maral
Category: Diana Courageous Citizen
Organisation: Leeds City Academy
Town: Leeds
Region: Yorkshire and Humber

Maral is an inspiring young lady with a zest for life and a passion for equality. Maral was born with Cerebral Palsy and has faced a great deal of adversity in her life. In addition to learning English after her and her family immigrated to the UK she has also worked extremely hard to maintain her A+ grades in all subjects. Her devotion to her studies has inspired many of her peers and her openness to discuss the needs and daily life has taught them so much. Her schoolmates have demonstrated considerable interest in learning more about living life with a disability.