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## **Sheffield student successfully chosen as NSPCC Young People's Board for Change Representative.**

***Out of 500 applicants, a local student from Sheffield has been elected in a team of 15 representatives for youth social change.***

Congratulations are in order for Muhammad, 15, from Oasis Academy Don Valley, who recently discovered his successful election as a representative for the NSPCC Young People's Board for Change.

The opportunity was open to 13–16-year-olds across the country, in which 500 applications were received. When the results were announced on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Muhammad was thrilled to have informed his school that he had made it through to the final fifteen.

As a member of the NSPCC Young People's Board for Change, Muhammad can expect to travel across the country to take part in regular meetings, consultations, residential trips, and a variety of workshops.

Muhammad said: "I am always taking part in student parliament and leadership roles; I believe I can be the voice of thousands of young people across the UK. I received an amazing opportunity to take part in the NSPCC Young People Board for Change (YPBC) where I would be able to stand for the young people of my community and make a change in society."

"Getting selected was the toughest part. Only 30 applicants were shortlisted for an interview out of 500 application forms and only 15 were later selected after the interview."

"In my interview and form, I talked about the ambitious man I am who wants to make a change. I also mentioned my role as an anti-bullying ambassador, and student parliament representative for my school which provides me with the confidence to speak on behalf of numerous young people."

In addition to this, Muhammad went on to list his fundraiser efforts for Saint Luke's hospice at his previous school, as well as his participation in a South Yorkshire competition in which he placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the county out of 3000 athletes in the 800m junior boys' race whilst representing Oasis Academy Don Valley and Sheffield.

**Principal of Oasis Academy Don Valley, James Pape**, congratulated the student: "As an Academy, we are immensely proud of Muhammad and his achievement. The number of staff who have come forwards to say well done from Nursery to Year 11, just goes to show how well-deserved this accomplishment is for Muhammad."

“Muhammad embodies everything an Oasis Academy Don Valley student could and should be and is a real role model for all. We know that this will be another positive step in his journey to a successful future.”



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#### [About Oasis Academy Don Valley](#)

Oasis Academy Don Valley is an Ofsted graded ‘Good’ co-educational academy, which admits students between the aged of 4 to 16 years, situated in Sheffield. Within the academy, they celebrate diversity and relentlessly focus on attainment of all children.

#### [About Oasis Community Learning](#)

Part of the Oasis group of charities, Oasis Community Learning multi academy trust exists to deliver ‘Exceptional Education in the Heart of the Community.’ One of the largest providers of academies in the UK, it is responsible for 52 primary and secondary schools across the country.

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