



ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S CHARITY

IGNITE THE SPARKS FILM - CASE STUDIES



1. Jai Radcliffe

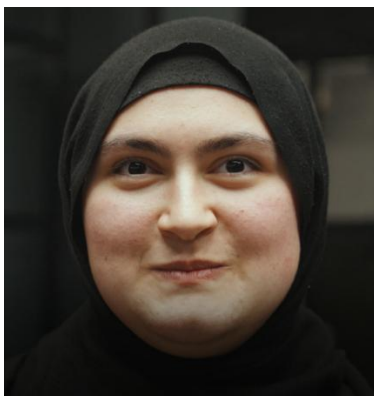


Jai is 15 and currently lives in Norris Green, Liverpool. He is neurodivergent and struggled in the traditional school system where he felt incredibly isolated. Eventually, this reached a stage where Jai was unable to go to school or even leave his room due to extreme anxiety.

However, over the past two years, through the safe hands of the Everton in the Community programme, he has come on leaps and bounds and has completely turned his life around. At the charity, Jai now leads other young people and has his eyes set on becoming a youth worker to support those in a similar position to himself.

Jai is calling on the government to listen to the voices of young people to ensure they can fulfil their potential.

2. Havin Basanmay



Havin is 19 and lives in Southport. She is currently studying to be an adult nurse at University. She has been involved with Alder Hey through the Alder Hey Forum and Camheliions, two youth participation groups supporting children and young people's development.

Havin chose to study nursing as she wanted to change people's lives for the better. Havin is urging the government to stop casting children aside and give them hope so they can realise their dreams.

3. Sophia Morton



Sophia is 11 and lives in Knotty Ash, Liverpool. She is an incredibly talented dancer who has represented Team GB.

At eight months old, Sophia was rushed to Alder Hey Hospital for heart surgery after finding a heart murmur. Sophia had a PDA (Patent ductus arteriosus) meaning a blood vessel that connects the pulmonary artery to the heart did not heal as intended after birth. This condition required heart surgery, where surgeons also discovered that one of Sophia's lungs had collapsed. However, the seven-hour surgery was a resounding success.

Sophia is calling on the government to prioritise children in policymaking so they have every opportunity to be happy and creative.