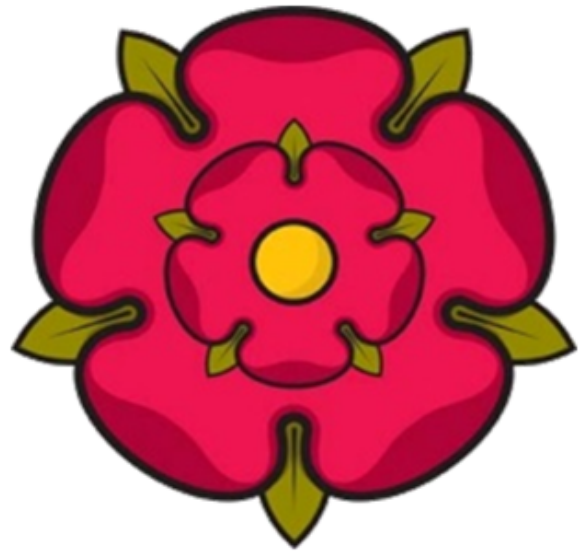


Louisa is a real Red Rose

Louisa Brown, who has won a **Young Citizen's Award**.

Schoolgirl **Louisa Brown** fills her life organising concerts for Oxfam, setting up her own action group and helping out on charity trips abroad. Louisa's dedication to helping others has won her this month's **Lancashire Young Citizen award**, a prize backed by the **Evening Post** and **Lancashire County Council** to recognise young people's achievements.



The Lancaster Girls' Grammar School pupil, said:

"I didn't expect to win at all."

"The charity work is just something I'm interested in."

"I feel community is quite important."

"I just manage my time, do my schoolwork first and do stuff at weekends."

Louisa first got involved in **charity work** by **volunteering** at an **Oxfam** bookshop of Lancaster, where she lives.

She decided to organise two gigs for the charity at the Gregson Arts Centre in Lancaster, featuring local bands, which attracted crowds of 300 people and raised £1,400.

Louisa also set up her own **Amnesty International human rights group** at her school.

And she has helped out on trips to **Lourdes** organised by the **Lancaster Diocese**, pushing wheelchairs for sick and elderly people on pilgrimages.

She is currently fund-raising for a trip to the **International Youth Congress in Mexico**, a conference to discuss environmental issues and form international links between young people.

Louisa's Headteacher Jackie Cahalin, who nominated her for the Young Citizen award, said:

"She is an absolutely super student."

"She does a lot off her own back but doesn't publicise it greatly at school."

"She has a genuinely caring approach and looks at things from a global perspective."

By: Jenny Simpson

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