

YOUNG AMBASSADOR BIO



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International Development and Arabic

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United-Kingdom

WHY AM I COMMITTED IN FIGHTING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION?

I am committed to fighting Female Genital Mutilation because although millions of women and girls worldwide have been affected, it's still a taboo in many regions including the UK. Its physical and mental impacts often go undiscussed and unrecognised, although FGM has an impact on women and girls their whole life. It's crucial to prevent another generation from being inflicted, by creating spaces and opportunities to openly address the topic to educate and bring the practice to an end.

WHAT DO I LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING AN ACTIVIST?

What I like most about being an activist is being part of a wider catalyst for change. Being able to have input in manifestos and create your own projects within a team is empowering and puts to good use our privilege and power.

WHAT DO I DREAM OF FOR GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE FUTURE?

What I dream for women and girls in the future is that there are laws and policies in place so that FGM is officially recognised as illegal and no longer being recognised or carried out as a medical practice, as well as cultural and social attitudes aligning with this view.