

Anti-bullying national youth board trip- Facebook headquarters, London 2018

On Wednesday 11th April 2018, I travelled to London for three days with two other youth board members from Northern Ireland to attend an anti-bullying conference funded by the Diana Award about online safety. This was a great opportunity to meet the other 14 representatives from all over the UK. I enjoyed a tour of the Facebook offices and I learnt a lot about the different safety rules which have been put in place within social network sites like Facebook and Instagram. I hope to pass these onto the various organisations which I currently do my anti-bullying work within, such as Banbridge Academy and Banbridge Amateur Swimming Club.

At the end of a busy day, I got the pleasure of meeting Will Poulter, a famous actor who you may recognise from 'The Maze Runner' and 'Narnia.' He helped to educate us about his experiences of bullying and he gave us helpful insights into how he got through this difficult time in his life. He also took part in a Facebook livestream, where we got the chance to introduce ourselves to the general public about who we are and what our role is within society. Overall, I really enjoyed my adventure with the youth board and I look forward to working alongside such an inspiring, dedicated and hard-working group of young people who have one common goal... to tackle and conquer the issue of bullying together!