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Dear Ebony

Many huge thanks for sending me your anti-bullying poem which I received this morning. It was one of those moments on a Monday morning (when I had so many other tasks to do) that stops you in your tracks and reminds you so eloquently why you work for a national youth work agency.

I was touched by your poem's creativity and its powerful message to other young people, to youth workers, parents and teachers. Bullying, while it should have no place in a modern, civilised society, is sadly so prevalent among young people (even adults) and not least the increase in cyber-bullying.

I can assure you that your poem will be highlighted in a future Youth Scotland awareness raising campaign in the hope that it can help in some way to prevent bullying in Scotland. We also work closely with Respect Me – the anti-bullying charity - and we will pass your poem on to them to see if they can use it in some way (unless you have already done this?).

I hope we can meet up at some future event to discuss your experiences and your talents! Meanwhile, I wish you all the best in your future poetry writing and in your involvement in Indy Youth.

With all my good wishes



Ian McLaughlan  
Chief Executive