



## Inspiring teens

I write about inspiring teenagers. This helps me think about what I want to do in the future! I hope you find these people inspiring too!

### Lily Born – the US

When Lily Born was eight years old, she made an invention to help her grandad. He had problems moving and sometimes spilled his drinks. Lily made him a plastic cup with three legs, so it didn't spill.

But she didn't stop there. A year later, she worked with her dad to make a prototype and produce the cup. They created a company called Imagiroo and called the cups Kangaroo Cups. Lily is quite shy and she didn't talk about her invention at school. But that changed when she became one of the CNN Heroes 'Young Wonders' – young people who see a problem and solve it!

Now, Lily's cups sell all over the world. She uses part of the money to help adults and kids who have problems moving.

### Henry Patterson – the UK

Henry Patterson was nine years old when he started selling homemade sweets. At ten, he wrote his first book, **The Adventures of Sherb and Pip**. It was a story about a sweet shop he imagined. He also built a website to sell products with the characters from the story. The book was a great success and he went on book tours around the world. He met lots of interesting people. One was Sir Richard Branson, a British businessman and owner of Virgin Group. Another was Mike Krieger, the co-founder of Instagram®.

But Henry didn't write only one book. In 2018, he wrote **Young & Mighty**, a book for people of 10 to 14 years of age. Henry wanted to help them find things to motivate them. He said it was hard to set up a business and keep it going, but he was lucky because his family supported him. In 2019, he created online courses to help teens turn their business ideas into reality. Henry also designed and launched an online bag business in 2020. He's a busy teenager!