

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: IS THERE A PLACE IN PALLIATIVE CARE?

Background

Youth Engagement provides opportunities for young people to make a contribution, raise awareness of services and is a platform for workforce development (HM Government, 2010 and Adams, Nursaw and Smith, 2017). LOROS is committed to extending the reach of its work with young people. We aim to develop a national reputation for providing innovative and exciting programmes of activities for young people which could be shared more widely, not only in the hospice sector, but the health and social sector in general. Providing scope for young people (16-30 years) to work with their community raises awareness, supports and 'builds capacity and resilience to care for those at the end of life' (Hospice UK, 2017).

Developing a Youth Engagement Programme



During 2017/18, 5,304 young people have been spoken to during raising awareness activities.

COLLABORATIVE WORKING

Working with other community and statutory organisations has increased our interactions with young people.

RAISING AWARENESS



NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

£5,096.71

Total amount raised by NCS during summer 2017.



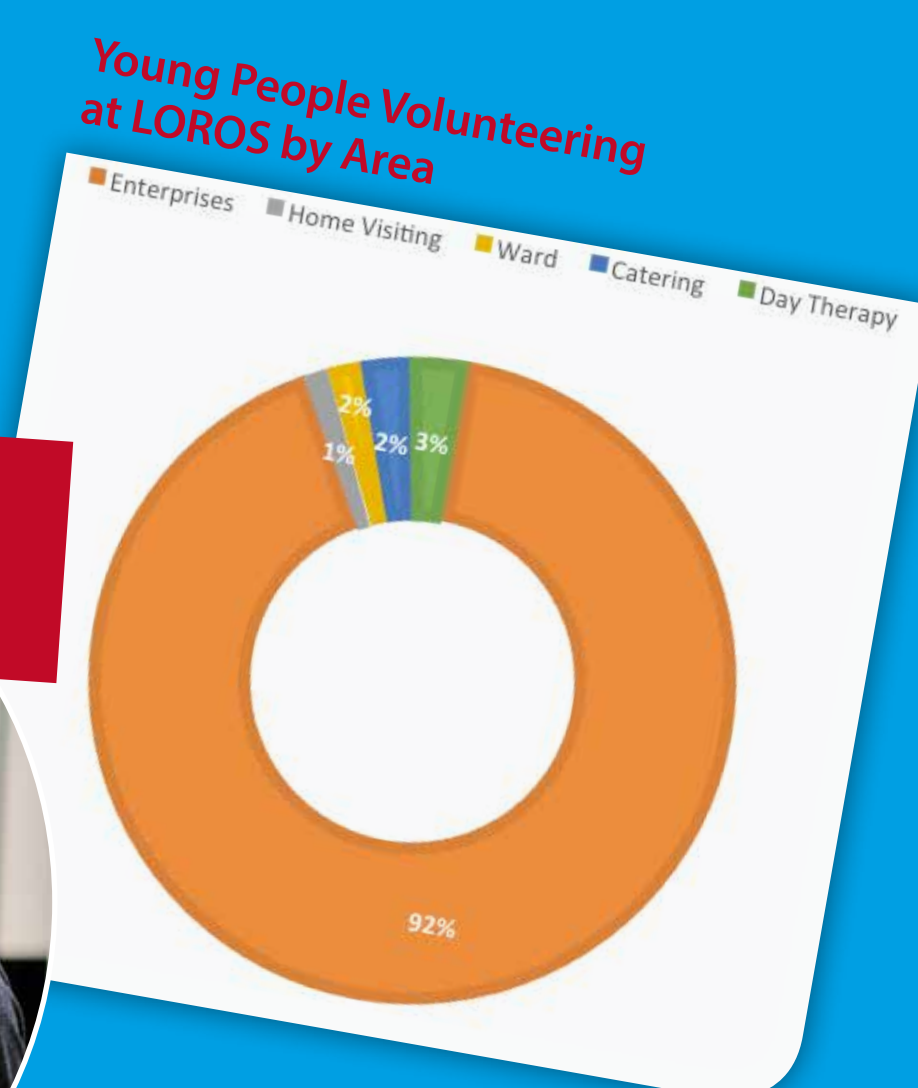
"This was one of the most valuable experiences the children have had."
(Teacher, 2018)

REACHING OUT PROJECT

A four week programme designed to support communication skills and breaking down barriers between the generations.

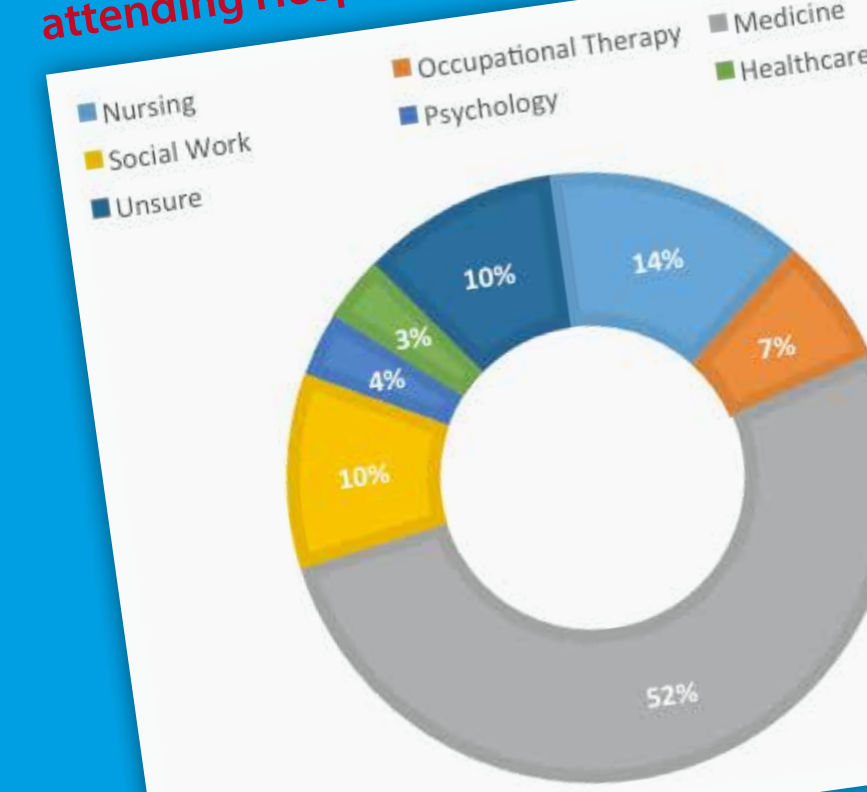


VOLUNTEERING



We have a number of young people volunteering across the Hospice and in our shops. Young people use volunteering to enhance their employability as well as supporting a service in their local community.

Professions of interest for students attending Hospice School Summer 2018



HOSPICE SCHOOL

A three day course to provide young people with skills and knowledge of working in a health and social care setting.



WORK EXPERIENCE

We support a variety of placements including shadowing and Level 3 Health and Social Care courses.



ART PROJECT

A mural designed by a local artist and created in collaboration with seven schools and colleges across Leicestershire. The mural will be displayed at LOROS Hospice.



"I had a great time, and really felt that a job in healthcare was the route for me. Furthermore, I also learnt valuable skills which I am sure will greatly assist me in the future, so thank you for having offered me a place at the hospice school."
(Hospice School student, 2017)

"Overall, my week spent at LOROS was an amazing and unforgettable experience that I will take forwards with me in whatever my future career path. I relished working in such a large and friendly team who made me feel exceptionally welcome and I would strongly advise anyone contemplating applying to go ahead as it has taught me so many valuable lessons not just about working in a hospice, but about life and the resilience of the human spirit at the toughest of moments."
(Work Experience student, 2017)

Future Developments

Work is continuing on the Youth Engagement programme. Key learning points from the activities currently in place have helped to develop our policies relating to young people.

Future activities will include:

- Youth Ambassador programme
- LOROS Experience days
- Widening volunteering opportunities
- Increase in awareness amongst the youth community

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