Make a Difference
Gift your time

Volunteer Opportunity

School Speaker

Team:	Community Engagement Team
Hours per week?	Flexible
Where?	Schools, colleges, youth organisations, community groups and family-focused events across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

How will <u>you</u> make a difference?

Every year, LOROS supports thousands of patients and their families across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Through your enthusiasm and passion, you will help introduce children and young people to the incredible work of LOROS, encouraging meaningful and age-appropriate conversations about hospice care, kindness, community and supporting others.

You will help us engage with young people in a variety of settings, including schools, colleges, universities, youth organisations, community groups, uniformed organisations, faith groups, careers events, university fairs and family-focused events. By raising awareness of LOROS and inspiring young people to get involved, you will help build future generations of supporters, fundraisers, volunteers and healthcare professionals.

Your enthusiasm could inspire a young person to fundraise, volunteer, advocate for LOROS or simply feel more confident talking about topics that matter within their community.

What will you be doing?

- Visit schools, colleges, youth groups and community organisations as part of the LOROS Community Engagement Team.
- Deliver engaging, interactive and inspiring talks, workshops and activities about LOROS and the services we provide.

- Support LOROS attendance at youth-focused community events, family events and awareness activities.
- Adapt presentations and activities to suit different ages, abilities and audiences.
- Encourage young people to get involved through fundraising, volunteering and community activities.
- Help build positive relationships with schools, youth organisations and community groups.
- Represent LOROS in a friendly, professional and enthusiastic manner.
- Support the development of new ideas and activities that engage younger audiences.
- Represent LOROS at careers fairs, university events and student engagement activities.
- Talk to young people and students about volunteering opportunities, fundraising, careers within hospice care and the wider work of LOROS.
- Support recruitment and awareness activities aimed at encouraging young people to become involved with the charity.

What personal qualities will you need?

- Friendly, enthusiastic and passionate about helping others.
- Confident speaking to groups, or willing to build confidence with our support.
- Excellent communication and engagement skills.
- Positive, approachable and reliable.
- Comfortable adapting your approach for different age groups and audiences.
- Able to communicate using clear, engaging and age-appropriate language.
- Able to travel independently to schools, community venues and events (own transport required).

Time Commitment

We understand that volunteering should fit around your existing commitments, so this role offers flexibility.

- There is no minimum weekly commitment.
- Opportunities may take place during school hours, evenings, weekends and school holiday periods.
- Activities may include school visits, college and university events, careers fairs, youth group meetings, community events, family events, awareness campaigns and other engagement opportunities involving children, young people and students.

- Volunteers can choose opportunities that match their availability and interests.
- We would ideally ask volunteers to support at least one engagement opportunity every 2 months where possible.
- Some preparation time may be required before delivering presentations, workshops or activities.
- Advance notice of opportunities will be provided wherever possible.

Whether you can support occasionally or more regularly, your involvement will help LOROS reach and inspire young people across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

What will you get out of this?

Volunteering with LOROS is a rewarding opportunity to develop valuable skills whilst making a genuine difference to your local community.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Gain confidence in public speaking, presenting and youth engagement.
- Develop communication, facilitation and relationship-building skills.
- Gain experience of community engagement, education outreach and event representation.
- Develop confidence in networking and engaging with a wide range of audiences, including young people, students, teachers, youth leaders and parents.
- Gain insight into the charity, healthcare and voluntary sectors.
- Meet new people and become part of a supportive volunteer community.
- Learn more about hospice care and the impact of LOROS services.
- Share your ideas and help shape how we engage with young people.
- Make a lasting difference to patients, families and your local community.
- Receive full training, resources and ongoing support from the LOROS team.

What training will you need?

We will ask you to complete the following modules through our online training portal:

- Health and Safety.
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.
- Safeguarding.
- Prevent Training.
- Data Security and Confidentiality.

Additional role-specific training, presentation resources and guidance on engaging with children and young people will also be provided.

How will we support you?

- Full induction and role-specific training.
- Ongoing support from the Community Engagement Team.
- One-to-one guidance and feedback.
- Presentation materials, resources and activity ideas.
- Opportunities to volunteer alongside experienced staff and volunteers.
- Reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses.

Essential Requirements

- Aged 18 years or over.
- Successful Enhanced DBS Check with Child Barring information, as the role involves working with children and young people in educational and community settings.
- Ability to travel independently to venues across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Next steps?

If you're passionate about inspiring young people, supporting your local community and helping raise awareness of the incredible work of LOROS, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact **volunteers@loros.co.uk** to discuss the role further and arrange an informal welcome chat.





Our vision and mission

Vision

(Our long term aspiration for our society)

Everyone with an incurable illness has the right to excellent care. This should value and respect their uniqueness and their own choices. People should be enabled to live and die with dignity and with appropriate and compassionate support for themselves and their loved ones.

Mission

(Our goals and activities in working towards our Vision)

LOROS is a charity whose aim is to enhance the quality of life of adult patients with cancer, progressive neurological conditions and end-stage organ failure for whom curative treatment is no longer possible. Patients are treated at the Hospice and in the community based upon clinical need, regardless of background and the ability to pay.

LOROS specialises in holistic, multidisciplinary care, focused on the whole person and including family and carers. The care given takes into account the patients' physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs as well as their own choices. Family members are supported in adjusting to loss and bereavement.

LOROS contributes to the education and training of its own and other health and social care professionals and of volunteers. The charity is also committed to research in order to improve the understanding and practice of palliative care.

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Our values and behaviours

Professional
Showing respect to patients and families, as well as members of our community, staff and volunteers.

Focused
On exceptional quality service and support for patients and families whilst listening, learning and adapting to their diverse needs.

Collaborative
Working together as colleagues and with local, regional and national partners to grow meaningful relationships and achieve sustainability.

Compassionate
Showing kindness, discretion and sensitivity as we care for our patients, families, our community, staff and volunteers.

Trustworthy
Be honest, reliable and consistent, showing respect and dignity in everything that we do.

Accountable
To our patients, their families, our community, staff, volunteers and external organisations/bodies.

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