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.

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.

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

References


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