

## Cancer Research UK visits LSST's Health and Social Care Students



charity, **Cancer Research UK**, visited the LSST London Campus for a talk with Health and Social Care students about the latest developments in cancer research and cancer care.

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Over 50 Foundation and Top-Up degree students from the Health and Social Care School attended a presentation by Dr Tony Selman, UK Cancer Research Ambassador, and Dimita Patel, Events Organiser, on Wednesday 26 April 2017.

**Public Health and Health Promotion** and Public Health and Social Care students attending the presentation had the chance to question Cancer Research UK staff about the latest research of the charity and the opportunities for working at Cancer Research UK.

Dr Tony Selman said: 'With today's aging population, more than one in three people will, at one point or another, get cancer. However, due to better treatment and technology, cancer survival rates have doubled in the last 40 years.'

Dimita Patel added: 'It really is such a pleasure working at Cancer Research UK as a volunteer. Once you become part of the organisation you never want to leave as each day becomes more rewarding than the last.'

Cancer Research UK has also been involved in a number of ground-breaking events in the political field. It has ensured, through lobby campaigns, that cigarettes are now out of sight and in the same packaging wherever sold. The charity remains at the forefront of cancer research and care for cancer patients and practitioners.

Lara Fontclara, Public Health and Social Care Foundation Degree (Y1), student said: 'It was such a pleasure to hear first-hand from Cancer Research UK about the various ways in which students can help with cancer care and treatment.'

Barbara Chinyani, LSST Programme Leader in Public Health and Social Care, said: 'A clear focus of the health and social care programmes is to develop the student ability to use

evidence to inform their decisions and to be able to understand critical health and social care issues. Cancer Research UK have paid a real tribute to this and we are all truly grateful.'

John White, LSST's Work Placement Coordinator, said: 'Students are encouraged to undertake voluntary work and apply for possible placements that are suited to use on their Foundation and Top-Up Degree courses.'

After the event, numerous students signed up to be Cancer Research UK volunteers and to actively take part in the annual **Relay for Life Race** - a fundraising challenge bringing communities together to beat cancer.

### Note from the Deputy CEO:

The talk from Cancer Research UK is both touching and thought-inspiring. All that cancer is associated with is, today, more than personal, emotional and physical in that its magnitude is felt by every student and staff alike.

Cancer Research UK has enticed a moment of reflection today: *Do you have friends or family that have been diagnosed with cancer? Have you lost loved ones from this disease?*

Please take a moment to support and engage with the work of **Cancer Research UK**.

I send my personal commendations to the charity for all that it is doing for cancer patients and for their friends and family - as well as the first-rate support it provides for healthcare practitioners.

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Mohammed Zaidi, Deputy CEO, LSST

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