

**Role Descriptor**

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| Role Title: | Young Persons Panel Member |
| Co-ordination of network: | University of Southampton LifeLab  Point of Contact: Dr Kath Woods-Townsend |
| Review of Role: | 3 months |

**Summary**

LifeLab was established to help improve the choices young people make about their own health that will have lifelong impact for themselves and their children. The approach has always been to enable young people to make those choices for themselves through their own scientific discovery and supporting them in acquiring those skills, evaluating the information and acting on what they find out.

The success of that approach has been through working closely with young people and educators to ensure our programmes, opportunities and qualifications continue to be relevant and useful. We hope to equip future generations with not only a better understanding of the impact of their health choices, but also develop the skills for lifelong learning and provide inspiration for young people to make a difference in their own communities.

To help us in that goal we need young people to help guide our development and work on new opportunities to ensure we continue to provide those outcomes for their peers.

Through our Young Persons’ Panel, we want to actively engage the voice, views and expertise of students to help guide our work. As a panel member, you will be expected to spend three hours per week completing tasks set at a weekly meeting that will influence LifeLab’s development.

We will meet as a group for an hour every week, where we will discuss various LifeLab projects and consider how these can be developed. You will then be given some tasks to complete independently for the other two hours. These will directly shape our future work. Your insight and opinions will be invaluable as part of a team of students who have been chosen to help take LifeLab to the next stage.

**Personal qualities**

* To be courteous and polite
* To be willing to engage in discussion and share ideas
* To be willing to provide valuable insights
* To have a positive attitude
* To share views and experience in a constructive way

**Requirement of the role:**

* Commitment to the role and attend sessions when required - a weekly online session, dates and time to be agreed
* Commitment to continued learning and development
* Commitment to equality and diversity
* Commitment to complete any tasks set

**Main duties and responsibilities**

* Review project proposals and provide feedback and opinion
* Input on creative development of new projects
* Help shape marketing and promotional materials for new programmes
* Provide regular updates on youth panel activity for use in performance reports and communication materials

**Key Skills:**

* Basic literacy and IT skills
* To actively participate both individually and as part of a team
* Effective verbal and listening communication skills
* Able to maintain confidentiality

*Role Descriptor Review Due February 2022*