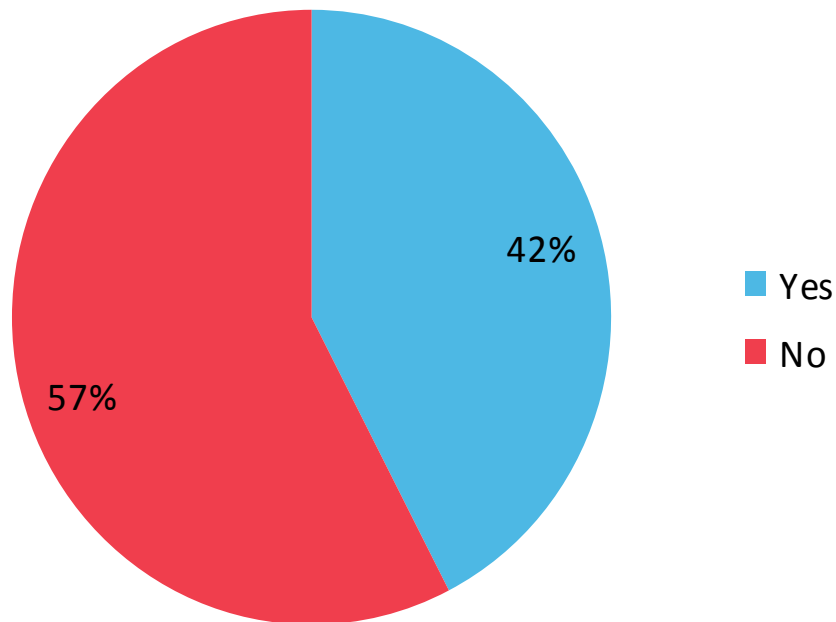


Volunteering research 2014

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An initial survey was sent to **3,807** students and alumni through LSE CareerHub during January 2014. **2,122** responses were received (**55.7%** response rate).

“Have you volunteered during your time at LSE?”



A further survey was sent to the **911** students who responded say ‘yes’ in the first poll. **83** responses were received (**9.11%** response rate).

“Thinking about the volunteering you have completed since joining LSE which of the following best describes the organisation(s) that you have worked with?” (Top eight shown below).

	Number
Children or youth	31
Education or literacy	27
University students	14
Human or civil rights	14
Environment, conservation or animals	11
Homelessness and housing	10
Women	10
International development or disaster relief	10
Art, culture or music	9

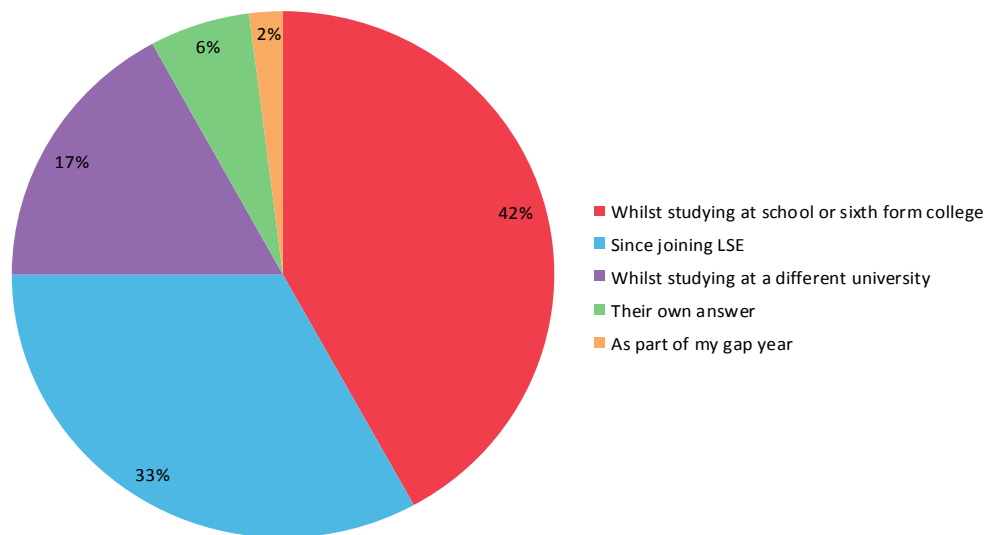
“Thinking about the activity/ies you completed whilst volunteering which of these best describes the work you carried out?” (Top nine show below).

	Number
Advice, information or support	31
Befriend, buddying or mentoring	25
Administration	22
Teaching, tutoring or helping with literacy	20
Fundraising or a sponsored event	18
Events or stewarding	17
Conducting research	15
Manual work or other practical help	14
Marketing, media or communications	14

57% ...of respondents said that they volunteer all year round.

58% ...of respondents said that they volunteer at least once a week.

“When did you start volunteering?”



“Helping people & improving things”

The number one reason that LSE students volunteer (99% of those surveyed)

89% ...of respondents said that they are motivated to volunteer because of their “personal values”.

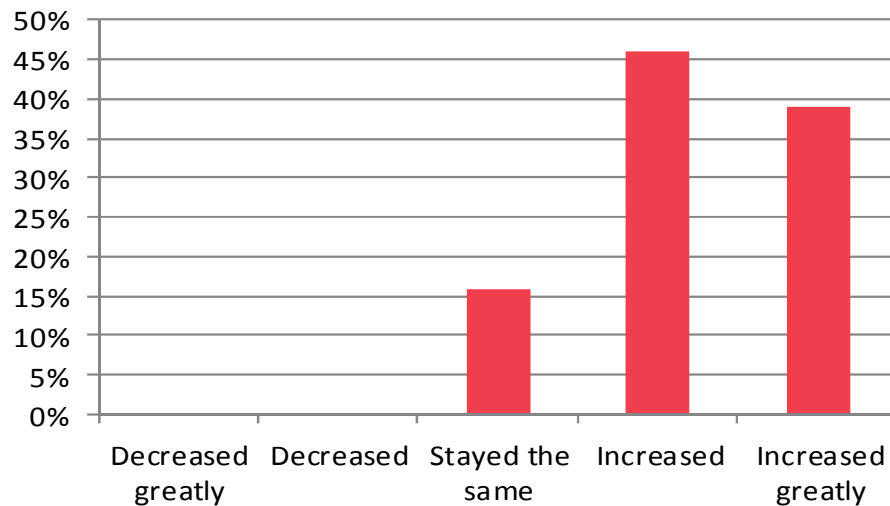
84% ...of respondents said that they are motivated to volunteer because they wish to “develop their skills”.

“The chance to gain an award”

The least motivating reason that LSE students volunteer (9.6% of those surveyed)

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“Has your confidence in your abilities increased, decreased or stayed the same?”



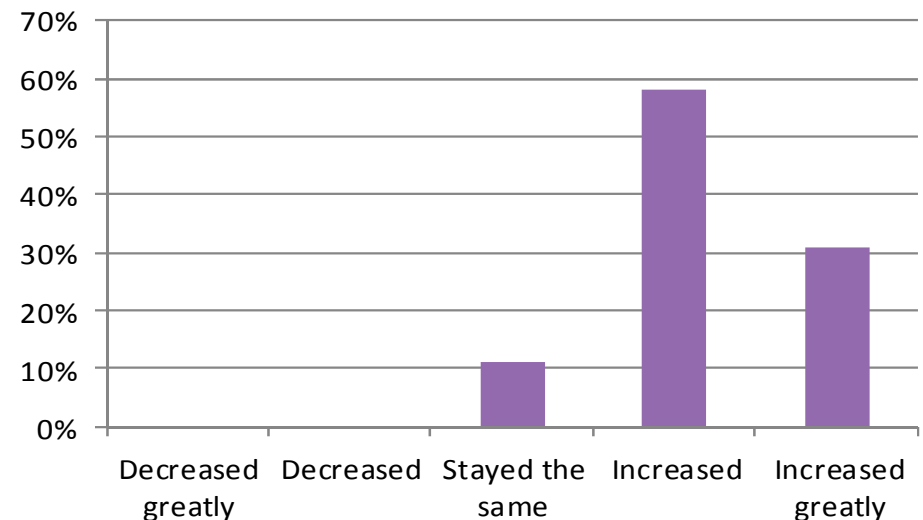
82% ...of respondents said that their “ability to lead and motivate others” had increased through volunteering.

86% ...of respondents said that their “communication skills” had increased through volunteering.

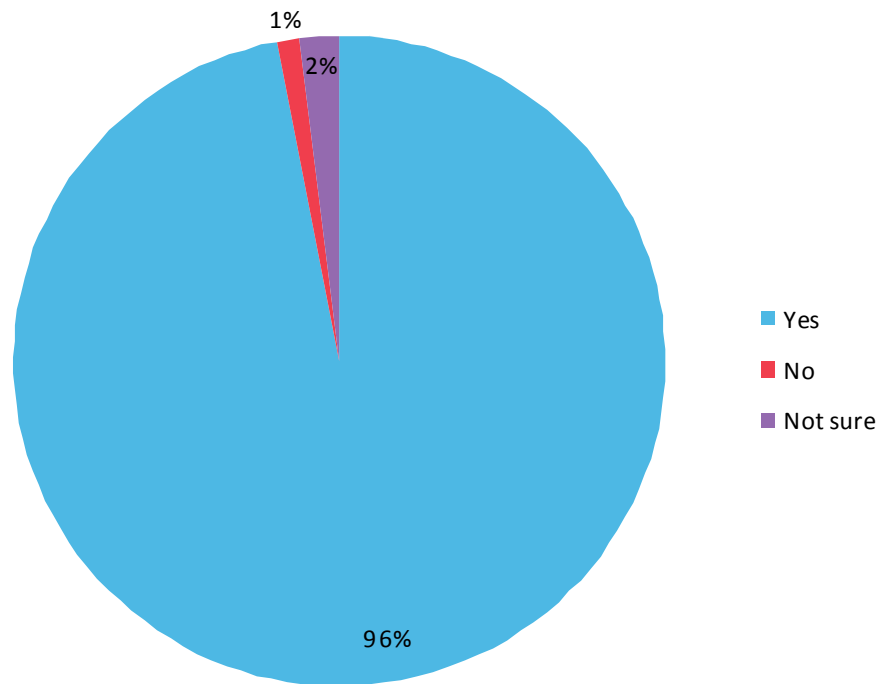
77% ...of respondents said that the “skills they think employers will value” had increased through volunteering.

67% ...of respondents said that their “sense of feeling part of the community” had increased through volunteering.

“Has your understanding of other people increased, decreased or stayed the same?”



“Would you recommend volunteering to your friends?”



“What could the LSE do to encourage you to volunteer more in the future?”

	Number
Link volunteering to academic subject/career	53
Offer more one-off opportunities	46
Increase publicity/awareness of volunteering on campus and/or online	46
Offer more varied placements with organisations	46
Offer more social events/networking with other students who volunteer	29
Offer more opportunities to gain recognition/awards for volunteering	27
Offer help to set up a student-led project	24
Offer more training programmes	23
Nothing	1

Further opinions...

“Pairing with employers really seemed to galvanise participation.”

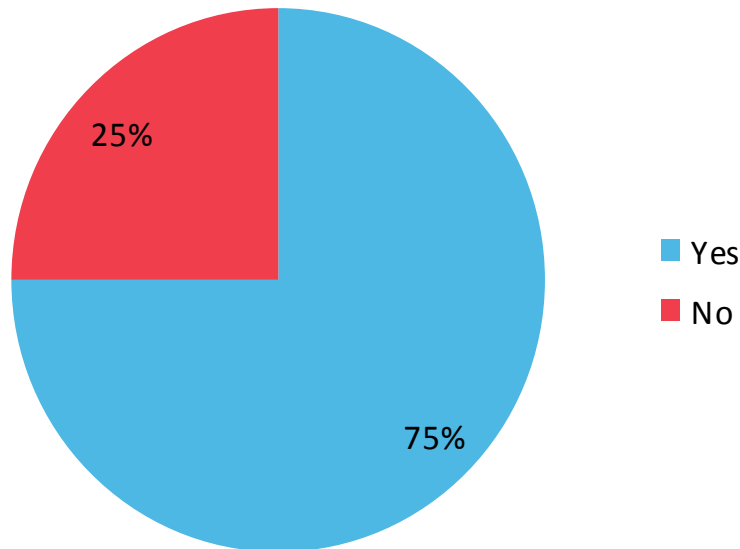
“Noting that we have limited amount time, we need to participate in a win-win environment; be practical and give as much as we gain.”

Volunteering research 2014

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A separate survey was sent to the **1,211** students who responded say 'no' in the first poll. **130** responses were received (**10.73%** response rate).

“Did you volunteer before you came to LSE?”



65% ...of respondents said that they “had considered volunteering” since joining LSE.

“Are there any reasons that have put you off volunteering?”

	Number
Not enough time due to pressures of study	99
I'm not sure how to get involved	31
Not enough time due to involvement with other clubs, sports or soci-	28
I don't know what I could offer	22
Not enough time due to paid work	21
I don't think I can afford to volunteer	17
I don't feel part of the community	17
Not enough time to to family commitments	12
I just don't want to volunteer	8
My friends/family aren't involved	7
Language barriers	4
I have a health problem that I feel prevents me from being involved	1

“Is there anything the LSE Volunteer Centre could do that might encourage you to volunteer?”

	Number
Link volunteering to my subject/career	73
Offer more 'one-off' volunteering opportunities	58
Increase publicity/awareness of volunteering on campus or online	48
Offer more varied placements with organisations	37
Provide introductory volunteering or 'taster' sessions	35
Offer more opportunities to gain recognition/awards for volunteering	25
Offer more social events/networking with other students	25
Offer more training programmes	22
Offer help for me to set up a student led project	15
Nothing	12