## ST JOHN YOUTH





## CANTERBURY CLINICAL NETWORK



St John Youth and Canterbury Clinical Network (CCN) have partnered up! We now have a Youth Voice on various alliance groups within CCN and they are from St John Youth. CCN is a callaboration of health care leaders and professionals, consumers and community leaders that provide leadership to the transformation of the Canterbury Health System.

A Pilot has been running this year and it has been so successful that it has been confirmed that St John Youth members will have a permanent voice within the Canterbury Health System.

## This is what some of our youth members thought of the pilot ...

"I have been lucky enough to have gained a position on the Rural Health Workstream as part of the Canterbury Clinical Network. As a youth member, nursing student and growing up in a rural community I have loved being involved in this group. It has been a great opportunity for me to gain insight into the development and planning that goes on to provide more sustainable, equitable health care for our rural communities. One key focus of the group currently is telehealth, which I have found practically interesting. I have had nothing but positive experiences with the RHWS and would strongly recommend others give it a go and get involved with a CCN group too." - Sian Sunckell

"The successful partnership between St John and the Canterbury Clinical Network has created a meaningful platform for young people to engage with health sector decision making. The opportunity to join the System Outcomes Steering group this year has been an incredible learning experience. Our group is responsible for prioritising, coordinating and monitoring the Canterbury Health System response to both nationally and locally defined quality improvement targets known as the System Level Measures Framework.

I am currently studying Public Health at university, we explore ways to reduce inequity and prevent disease. This role has shown me how strengthening system integration and embracing local clinically-led health initiatives can improve health outcomes. I am excited to continue learning alongside such a passionate group of individuals in the year ahead, and would highly encourage others to get involved." - Ella McClure

We will be recruiting for new people in March/April 2021, so watch this space! For more information, contact youth.southisland@stjohn.org.nz.