



PRESS RELEASE

AbbVie's Dublin Employees Transform Dublin DEIS School's Science Facilities During Their Annual Volunteering Week

Activity reflects company's commitment to promoting science education

- 60+ volunteers from AbbVie's Dublin offices help to rejuvenate the science facilities of a north Dublin DEIS school
- More than 250 employees from across AbbVie's five sites in Ireland (in Cork, Dublin and Sligo) will volunteer to improve the communities where they live and work during the initiative
- Approximately 9,000 AbbVie volunteers across the world partner with non-profits to make a difference in their communities

AbbVie, a global biopharmaceutical company with offices in Citywest and Santry, recently celebrated its sixth annual *Week of Possibilities*. This week-long initiative is the company's signature volunteering programme involving more than 9,000 employees globally who work with local non-profit partners to help make a difference in communities around the world.

More than 60 AbbVie employees from the company's commercial HQ in Citywest and from the company's manufacturing and engineering services office in Santry helped refurbish a science lab at New Cross College, Finglas during the week-long initiative. The activity reflects the company's ongoing commitment to science education and students will now have a new-look science facility when they return from their summer break in September.

AbbVie volunteer efforts included the cleaning, sanding and painting the school's laboratory benches, worktops and walls. They also helped create a series of striking murals. The 60-strong team replaced and fitted new science equipment to encourage a stimulating science-focused learning environment.



As a company, AbbVie believes in making a strong commitment to local communities and the company undertakes improvement projects – particularly in education – through charitable giving as well as employee engagement.

AbbVie has joined forces with the national volunteer development agency, Volunteer Ireland on their Irish projects. In all, *Week of Possibilities* projects were rolled out in three communities in Cork, Sligo and Dublin – locations at which the company has a major presence. The partnership with Volunteer Ireland ensures AbbVie’s efforts align with the needs of their local communities.

Speaking about the positive impact of the *Week of Possibilities* outreach, **Derek Lynch, Principal at New Cross College** said: “As a DEIS school, where a large cohort of our students come from a financially challenged background, we are extremely grateful to be chosen by AbbVie for their global volunteer week activity. We are not in a position to fund the refurbishment of our Science lab ourselves, and it’s a real lift for our students and teachers to come into an environment that will enhance teaching and learning.

“As principal of New Cross College, I commend AbbVie for their ethical leadership and thank their employees for their significant contribution to our school improvement.”

Commenting on the project **Todd Manning, General Manager, AbbVie** said: “AbbVie has an ongoing commitment to help transform science education in our communities. We hope that our efforts this week will give the students of New Cross College a better chance of a successful future and potentially inspire a new generation of scientists and engineers.”

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About AbbVie

AbbVie is a global, research-driven biopharmaceutical company committed to developing innovative advanced therapies for some of the world’s most complex and critical conditions. It employs more than 600 people at five manufacturing and commercial sites across Ireland. The company’s commercial headquarters is based in Dublin as is a separate international manufacturing and engineering services centre. AbbVie has two manufacturing plants in Sligo and one in Cork.

The company’s mission is to use its expertise, dedicated people and unique approach to innovation to markedly improve treatments across four primary therapeutic areas: immunology, oncology, virology and neuroscience. In more than 75 countries, AbbVie employees are working every day to advance health solutions for people around the world. For more information about AbbVie, please visit us at www.abbvie.com. Follow @abbvie on Twitter, Facebook or LinkedIn.

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