



PRESS RELEASE

AbbVie's Dublin Employees Show Their Commitment to Science Education During Global Volunteering Week

- More than 400 employees from across AbbVie's four locations in Ireland (Cork, Dublin and Sligo) volunteer to improve the communities where they live and work
- Almost 60 employees from AbbVie's Dublin offices overhaul Tallaght community school's dated science lab
- Third consecutive year that AbbVie's employees have participated in this global volunteering project

Dublin, June 2017 –AbbVie, a global biopharmaceutical company with a significant presence in Ireland, recently celebrated its fourth annual *Week of Possibilities*. The week-long initiative is AbbVie's signature annual volunteering where more than 6,000 employees in 50+ countries come together to make a difference in their respective communities around the world.

The employee volunteers joined non-profit partners, including charities, to renovate school libraries and classrooms, build playgrounds from the ground up, lead science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education initiatives, and tackle other projects that enhance education and opportunities for underserved communities around the world.

Almost 60 AbbVie employees from AbbVie's commercial offices in Citywest completed the extensive refurbishment of a science lab in St Aidan's Community School in Tallaght during the week-long initiative. The activity reflects the company's ongoing commitment to science education, and means that students will have a stimulating and fit-for-purpose science facility when they return from their summer recess.

These volunteer efforts included the cleaning, sanding and painting of the school's laboratory benches, worktops and walls. The team of AbbVie employees also replaced and fitted essential new science equipment to create the ideal learning environment.



In every *Week of Possibilities* location, the hands-on service projects are designed and implemented in partnership with non-profit partners close to the communities being served, including Volunteer Ireland. These partnerships ensure that AbbVie volunteer efforts align with the needs of the community.

“AbbVie’s approach to our partnership – and its relationships with community partners – demonstrates what’s possible when corporate volunteers come together to work on projects which provide real value in the community,” said **Anna Gunning, Volunteer Ireland**. “By shaping the activities during Week of Possibilities based on what communities really need, it allows the volunteers to have the greatest impact.

Speaking about the positive impact of the Week of Possibilities initiative **Karen Quigley, School Principal at St. Aidan’s Community School, Tallaght**, said: “The physical environment has a huge influence on students’ overall school experience including of course their learning experience. After more than 30 years things get a bit tired and dated. The volunteer project has transformed this classroom into a bright modern and fun scientific learning space. The students are going to love their new fab lab. Thanks AbbVie!”

“Week of Possibilities demonstrates our deep commitment to giving back to our communities and people in need. These volunteer opportunities are critically important to who we are as a company and the fabric of our culture,” said **Todd Manning, General Manager, AbbVie**. “As a company, we are also committed to leveraging our expertise in the field of science and business practices to help transform education in the communities in which we work, and our work with St Aidan’s Community School reflects this ambition.”

AbbVie launched “Week of Possibilities” in 2014, focusing on projects in North Chicago, Illinois, where the company is based. In 2015, AbbVie employees expanded their commitment to 45 countries, where more than 17,000 service hours were donated to nonprofit organizations. The AbbVie initiative has continued to grow, and in 2016, the programme volunteered over 25,000 service hours in 50 countries.



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The AbbVie Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) foundation, is dedicated to having a remarkable impact on the lives of the underserved around the world through a commitment to building strong communities, sustainable health care systems and effective educational programs. For more information please visit www.abbviefoundation.org.

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