



PRESS RELEASE

AbbVie's Cork Employees Transform Midleton School's Science Facilities During Their Annual Volunteering Week

Activity reflects company's commitment to promoting science education

- 60+ volunteers from AbbVie's Cork manufacturing facility in Carrigtwohill help to rejuvenate the science facilities of a Midleton 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 a manufacturing facility in Carrigtwohill just outside Cork, 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 manufacturing site in Carrigtwohill helped refurbish a science lab at St Mary's High School, Midleton 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 and painting the school's laboratory as well as other indoor and outdoor areas at the Midleton school. The 60-strong team also 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, **Principal Donnchadh O'Briain, St Mary's High School**, said:

“There is an Irish saying “Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine,” that translates literally as “People live in each other’s shadows.” Meaning, we are shielded from the sun by each other, we rely on each other for shelter. People need each other. No matter how you look at it, what we do in school is connected to what companies like AbbVie are about and to what they need and anything that forges connections between schools and local business should be encouraged and supported in every way possible.

“I’d like to thank AbbVie, it’s a great credit to them that they see it as an integral part of what they do to put something back into the community. That’s something that we see as being a huge part of the ethos that we try to get across here at the school. It’s not about you it’s about somebody else and making their life that little bit better because that’s what gives each of us the greatest reward.”

Commenting on the project **Gary Crowley, Site Director at AbbVie Cork**, 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 St Mary’s High School 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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