

Novartis Ireland's 22nd Annual Community Partnership Day

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Green-fingered employees from Novartis Ireland joined the staff at Headway, Brain Injury Services & Support to help usher in Spring at the charity's garden in Sandymount, Dublin. Headway acts as a lifeline for people affected by Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), providing support and services for Irish adults and their families, since 1985. Ten employees from Novartis Ireland volunteered to spruce up the Headway garden as a part of the 22nd annual Community Partnership Day.

Each year, Novartis employees worldwide are encouraged to give back to their local communities through a wide range of volunteer activities that are chosen by the staff. This year, Novartis Ireland employees from Dublin and Cork contributed over 1,500 volunteer hours to organisations throughout Ireland such as Irish Wheelchair Association, Cope Foundation, Simon Community, Special Olympics, Make a Wish Foundation, Bernardos, Focus Ireland, Food Cloud and Enable Ireland.

Kieran Loughran, CEO of Headway, said: "We are delighted to have volunteers of Novartis Ireland lending a hand to bring some much-needed care and attention to our garden today. At our rehabilitation centres we always aim to provide a supportive and positive environment for people with brain injury to help them to reach their recovery goals so that they get the most out of their lives. It's never easy. Brain injury can often be a difficult, life-long road and not always obvious to others. I would like to thank Novartis Ireland for helping to improve our garden for clients and their families to rest and relax and hopefully get a bit of sunshine!"

Loretto Callaghan, Country President, Novartis Ireland said: "Novartis Ireland has a long-standing commitment to giving back to our local community and our Partnership Day is a wonderful opportunity for staff to support projects that mean a lot to them. This year, we wanted to give back to Headway, who are doing a phenomenal job supporting people with brain injuries and their families. Every day at Novartis we are working to improve and extend people's lives and we hope that our volunteers have helped to provide a little bit of extra support for all the amazing organisations, charities and initiatives that are working to do the same."

For more information on the 22nd annual Community Partnership Day, follow on #NovartisCPD2018 #socialimpact or #proudmoments.

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