

Novartis Ireland volunteers get a move on for charities for the 23rd Annual Community Partnership Day 2019 ^[1]

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Hundreds of Novartis Ireland employees left their offices in Dublin and Cork this week to volunteer their services in support of a wide range of charities and organisations for the Novartis 23rd annual Community Partnership Day. Among them were employees who joined Irish Cancer Society volunteers in Sandyford, Dublin to sort and prepare branded merchandise for the charity's fundraising campaigns.

Over 290 employees from Novartis Ireland's operations at Dublin and Cork participated in the day. In addition to the Irish Cancer Society, employees assisted with projects and initiatives at the Deis School Dublin, Food Cloud, Hugh's House, Make a Wish Foundation, Pieta House, Ronald McDonald House, Royal Hospital Donnybrook and the Simon Community.

A number of employees also rolled up their sleeves and donated blood at the Irish Blood Transfusion Service while others participated in clean-ups on a number beaches spanning Dublin's coastline. Novartis employees in Cork volunteered to run Senior Citizens Afternoon tea, work on a Biodiversity Garden, and helped out at Churchfield Community Centre and Barnardos in Mahon.

The Novartis Community Partnership Day has been running for the past 23 years. This year, over 12,500 Novartis associates in 36 countries, spanning six continents, provided 100,000 hours of support to non-profit organisations in their local communities.

Claire Bowman, Corporate Partnerships Manager, Irish Cancer Society said: "As Ireland's national cancer charity, we are working towards a future without cancer. Volunteers play a crucial role in the Society. From providing vital services for people affected by cancer to offering practical support for our fundraising campaigns – every hour of volunteering is really appreciated. We were delighted to have Novartis staff provide hands on assistance in our warehouse, helping us to prepare and sort our Daffodil Day merchandise. They did a great job on the day and we are very thankful for their support."

Loretto Callaghan, Country President, Novartis Ireland said: "Novartis has a long standing commitment of giving back to our local communities. By 2020, one in two of us in Ireland will get a cancer diagnosis in our lifetime. All our lives will be touched by this disease in some way in the future so it is in everyone's interest to support cancer services. We are delighted to play a small part in the valuable and important work of the Irish Cancer Society."

For more information on the 23rd annual Community Partnership Day, follow @Novartis or #NovartisCPD2019, #socialimpact, #novartisvolunteering

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