Community Links with Local Business

Volunteers from local company GE Healthcare went out with enthusiasm to help the Cork Association for Autism with some painting in the grounds of Greenville House, Carrigtwohill.

Greenville House aims to provide a non-clinical, home away from home in a stress-free environment for people with Autism. There are beautiful grounds for residents to enjoy. These grounds however require plenty of upkeep and maintenance and so the Cork Association for Autism was very happy to receive assistance from the volunteers of GE Healthcare.

The volunteers worked hard painting fences all around the grounds of the House. They also painted a chicken coop and were joined by Adrian, one of the residents, who came out to help.

GE Healthcare is part of a group of companies in East Cork who have come together through ECAD (East Cork Area Development) in their common commitment towards Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). CSR encourages businesses to manage their processes to produce an overall positive impact on society. This group of companies (The Cork Harbour CSR Network); looks at ways in which they can contribute towards various activities in the community. Community groups throughout East Cork have cited the need for more volunteers as being of particular importance to them.

The companies of the Cork Harbour CSR Network are happy to be able to help in the quest for volunteers through the promotion of volunteering amongst their employees. This is achieved through the endorsement of specific projects or initiatives in the community as highlighted through ECAD.

The painting project in Greenville house on 29th August was one such project. The Cork Harbour CSR Network of companies look forward to being involved in many more such activities throughout East Cork.

A big thank you to all involved!

If you are a community group or business interested in the Cork Harbour CSR Initiative, please contact East Cork Area Development on 021 4613432.

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