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Over 60 state primary schools across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, representing over 4,800 pupils, are registered to take part in the Energy Challenge, which takes real science experiments into the classroom. Staff mentors are paired with each school to support pupils through the competition.

Employee Charity of the Year

Thanks to our support, our first Cambridge charity of the year, Blue Smile has been able to give additional therapy and mentoring to 61 children in four partner primary schools (Orchard Park, Shirley Community, Ridgefield and Histon & Impington).

LGBT+ network collaboration

In February, we collaborated with the Cambridge-based LGBT+ network, Encompass, to support a specially-commissioned LGBT+ History Month projection onto the Guildhall, as part of the city’s e-Luminate festival.

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**A sustainable staff travel plan**

was launched for Cambridge, responding to a detailed analysis of the current and forecast travel needs of our employees and those of the wider local community. Our vision is that current or future travel ‘hubs’ are within a five-mile reach of 90% of our employees, giving access to at least one affordable, sustainable travel option and with car parking available.

**Women in science**

We collaborate with Cambridge Judge Business School and Lucy Cavendish College in support of our common goals of advancing women in science and business leadership, providing career advice and mentoring.

**Supporting the Cambridge Science Centre**

Cambridge Science Centre joined forces with AstraZeneca and MedImmune in 2016 to develop the latest exhibition LifeWorks! From cells to survival, every hands-on exhibit is designed to inspire young learners and their families to discover the wonders of life sciences.

**3,000+ hours volunteering**

Colleagues have volunteered with a variety of community organisations, undertaking practical tasks such as renovating community centres and gardens.

**The CBC Experience,** a mock up of the planned R&D Centre, showcased developments in Cambridge, our collaborations and our science. It was visited by over 1,500 staff, collaborators, local school pupils and international university students.