

Volunteer Highlights: Europe, Middle East, and Africa



Budapest, Hungary

Cookie Fairs are popular in Budapest as employees bring in baked goods to raise money to support local community organizations.

With the help of United Way Association, Lexmark Budapest formed a connection with Burattino, a boarding school for highly disadvantaged kids in Csepel. Budapest employees raised money for a jungle gym renovation and playground refresh for the [Burattino](#) school by hosting a Cookie Fair in April 2018, raising HUF 60,000 / \$205. Additionally, in December 2018, the team arranged a "Bring a Mug Day" and collected nearly 75 mugs for the school.

The Cookie Fair held in September 2018 raised HUF 115,000 / \$404 to support [Kuckó Alapítvány](#), which organizes programs for disadvantaged children, and the AmCham Charity Foundation (ACF).

Another Cookie Fair was held in December 2018, raising HUF 100,000 / \$342 for Kuckó Alapítvány to help prepare Advent Packages for the children supported by their programs.



In 2018, Lexmark volunteers worked alongside volunteers from other companies to renovate the garden at [Lajos Kossuth Children's Shelter and Grammar School](#) by planting flowers and constructing and painting pallet furniture. Volunteers entertained the children with various arts and crafts activities.

Volunteers gardened and painted a jungle gym as part of an AmCham volunteer event at [Aga Gyermekotthon](#), a home for children in Budapest.



Employees made banners to support the [SOS Gyermekfalvak](#) Christmas Campaign in late November 2018.

Lexmark participates in the [AmCham Career Orientation Program](#), a program aimed to help provide high school students guidance on future career opportunities.

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Students visit Lexmark for tours and lectures. Individual employees also have signed up to serve as program "Career Ambassadors" to work with schools.



The Lexmark Budapest office hosted a Toastmasters Tall Tales and Table Topics contest. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs.

The Budapest team visited elementary and secondary schools to educate students on sustainability during a week in April 2019.



Orleans, France

Lexmark Orléans helped sponsor the 18th Open Tennis Handisport du Loiret in Saran, Orléans. The event is a wheelchair tennis tournament. Lexmark has been a partner of this tournament for five years now.

Geneva, Switzerland

As part of the eco-contract signed between Terre des Hommes Suisse and the city of Geneva, Lexmark collected old cell phones. Terre des Hommes Suisse received up to 3 CHF for each collected mobile phone. The money will be used by the organization to finance development projects in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Lexmark employees in Geneva collected clothes and shoes for Caritas in an effort to help the refugees in the region of Switzerland.

Algés, Portugal

In the summer of 2018, Lexmark Portugal partnered with [Informantem](#) to sponsor [ReSeed](#), a reforestation project in Portugal to renew areas that were impacted by fire. The program is designed around printing—for every 8,500 pages printed, a tree will be planted. The goal is to plant 500 trees.

On December 4, 2018, in partnership with ANEFA (Associação Nacional de Empresas Florestais, Agrícolas e do Ambiente), Lexmark, Informantem and clients traveled to Pinhal de Leiria (Vieira de Leiria), an area heavily consumed by fire, to plant more than 500 pine trees.



Milan, Italy

Lexmark Italy sponsored the Lexmark "Circular Economy" Award as part of the [Sustainable Cities Cresco Award](#) program in 2018. Launched by [Sodalitas Foundation](#) in collaboration with [ANCI-National Association of Italian Municipalities](#), the Cresco Award program aims to enhance sustainable innovation in Italian municipalities and reward the most effective initiatives.

Lexmark, always committed to a sustainable business model based on the principles of resource efficiency, presents this award to the municipality that has distinguished itself for having developed and implemented projects for the benefit of a circular economy in their territory, promoting reuse and recycling and creating a zero-waste value chain. The 2018 "Circular Economy" Award was presented to the Municipality of Modena for the project ["Your shoes at the center."](#)

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Maidenhead, England

A group of 14 Lexmark employees in the UK put their athletic skills to the test in support of a local hospice for children. They joined together for the Lexmark UK Charity Challenge. They raised more than £7,000 (approximately \$9,000, which included a corporate donation of about \$2,000) for [Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service](#), Lexmark UK's chosen charity for 2017 and 2018.

To get to the challenge, the group traveled about 300 miles from Lexmark's Maidenhead office to the Lake District, a mountainous region in northwest England. The 12-hour challenge included a 14.5-kilometer road bike ride (140-meter ascent), an archery competition, an 11.5-kilometer hike (560-meter ascent) and an 11-kilometer kayak in Ullswater, the second-largest lake in the [Lake District National Park](#).

