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Arcinova, a multi-service Contract Development and Manufacturing Organisation (CDMO) based in Alnwick, Northumberland, recently invited local schoolchildren to attend a Christmas lecture from a Guinness World Record holder at their facility. The event was part of the STEM Ambassador Hub North East Christmas Lecture programme, based on the famed Royal Institution lectures initiated by Michael Faraday in 1825, which aims to inspire the next generation to embark on careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths).

The motivational talk titled, "Mission Possible - Be as awesome as the world lets you!" was delivered by explorer and extreme athlete, Ash Dykes, who shared his experience as the first person to traverse the 4,000-mile length of the Yangtze river in China on foot. Hosting the event at the Arcinova site in Alnwick ensured that rural North Northumberland schoolchildren, who often miss out on STEM outreach events due to their location, were able to participate. Over 150 students from James Calvert Spence College, Vincent Edwards Primary School, Tweedmouth Community Middle School, Whittingham C of E Primary School and Duchess Community High School attended the Christmas lecture.

This event exemplifies Arcinova's commitment to raising awareness of the diversity of STEM careers in partnership with local schools and RTC North, the STEM Ambassador Hub for North East England. As 10% of Arcinova's staff are STEM ambassadors, the company is an active participant in STEM outreach projects within the local community. Recent outreach initiatives the company has contributed to include the annual Bring it On exhibition, and visits to its facility from local schools and colleges.

Roger Kilburn, CEO of Arcinova, said, "We are dedicated to the promotion of STEM in our local community, and it was an honour to host Ash Dykes as part of the North East Christmas Lecture programme. The event was a great success, helping to inspire the next generation of scientists with the sheer immensity of what is possible."

Claire Willis, Education Relationship Manager at RTC North, commented, "We are delighted that Ash was able to take a break from his travels and share his incredible stories of survival against all the odds. The children all went away inspired and understanding that no matter what the challenge, nothing should stop them fulfilling their dreams."

Ash Dykes, explorer and extreme athlete, said of the event, "I really enjoyed my time touring with RTC and speaking to the many students from various schools. They were so engaged and enthusiastic, and came up with many fantastic questions. It was a pleasure and I'd like to thank everyone involved."

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About Arcinova

Arcinova is a Contract Development and Manufacturing Organisation that helps pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies across the globe develop life changing medicines. We employ a multidisciplinary approach to drug development by combining chemistry, biology and bioinformatics. All our services are delivered from our 15,000m² facility in the North East of England.

We leverage our decades of experience as a key research and development centre to deliver high quality end-to-end solutions. Our mission is to deliver best-in-class technology services in the fields of contract research, development and small-scale manufacturing to overcome project challenges and increase efficiency.

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