





### What is Walktober?



- Walktober is a fun & free annual event to build team spirit and encourage your colleagues to stick on their shoes and get walking (while maintaining a safe social distance and adhering to current government guidelines).
- Walktober is a challenge EVERYONE can participate in.
- For teams of 3-6 people (including the captain).
- It's easy, just track your daily steps on a step counter/app.
- It is a fantastic way to encourage a regular walking routine (habit-forming) while encouraging long-term physical activity and modal shift.

## What did Participants achieve in 2019?



- **5,289** people from **74** organisations walked a total of 1,475,058,657 **steps!**That's approx. 9,000 steps per person each day.
- Before the Challenge 22% of survey respondents walked to work/college
- During the Challenge 80% reported swapping trips for walking and 41% walked to work/college on a regular basis
- Following the Challenge 38% intend to walk to work/college on a regular basis



## What did Participants say?



### What were the main reasons for participating?

- 'Get to know colleagues better'
- 'Encourage more work life balance'
- 'To get my colleagues up and active and to create a sense of team!'

### How did you and your team benefit?

- 'Being more aware of how many steps I take and long periods of time sitting at my desk'
- 'Fun, laughter, friendly competitive banter between teams'
- 'The challenge encouraged the team to get more active, as the steps increased we had to make a conscious effort to increase our steps'



### **Key Dates**



- Registration live on ActiveTravelLogger.ie from 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020
- Walktober starts Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- Walktober ends Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020
- Final day to log steps 2pm on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020



# Competitions





| Week 1                                      | Week 2                                      | Week 3                                      | Week 4                                      | Final  |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| Best team photos (Socially distant/virtual) | 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place on<br>each LB + Draws<br>4 <sup>th</sup> -50 <sup>th</sup> |
|   | Limerick                                    |   | Limerick                                    | Best Workplaces<br>& Campus  |
| Virtual Target                              | Virtual Target                              | Virtual Target                              | Virtual Target                              | Team Captains  |
| Top 25 draw                                 | Top 25 draw                                 | Top 25 draw                                 | Top 25 draw                                 | Best Coordinator   |
|   |   |   |   | Evaluation Survey  |
|   |   |   |   | Walktober Story  |

# **Leaderboard Categories**



| Overall Leaderboard      | Desk Based Leaderboard   |  |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
|                          | Desk Based Teams Only    |  |  |
| Total Average Team Steps | Total Average Team Steps |  |  |



# Role of the Workplace/Campus Coordinator



### Resources available to you



- Footers and images for use in emails, social media, intranet
- Coordinator Guide Iot's of info & content tor participants
- Video tutorial using the Active Travel Logger
- Promotional presentation slide
- www.stepchallenge.ie
- Weekly Competitions
- Weekly Leaderboards
- Weekly email reminders



# **Promoting Walktober**

#### HOW TO COMMUNICATE THE MESSAGE



- Register yourself on the Active Travel Logger
- Get buy-in from Senior Management/Student Union
  - Create virtual/internal competitions vs. Senior Management
  - Can they provide incentives/prizes for participation?
- Organise a sign-up day via video link/call
- Do you have an online newsletter?



- Email all staff/students draft emails are in your coordinators' guide.
- Find a champion Help promote, participate & engage.
- Promote Walktober on your organisation's social media accounts and intranet.

**Start Your Promotion Now!** 

# Ideas to promote Walktober When working REMOTELY



- Create a 'virtual' canteen
   Have a casual chat as if you were in the canteen ... Virtually.
- Put Walktober on the agenda
   Promote it at weekly team meetings or at the beginning of internal presentations.
- Include a reminder message to register on staff emails (use our Walktober Banner)
- Use prompts Desktop screensavers / Reminder on calendar
- Organise an Walktober video call to give out information and encourage sign-ups.

# Ideas to promote Walktober - in your ORGANISATION



- Spread the word through interactions with colleagues.
- Poster Promotion at reception, in the canteen, on the noticeboard, in elevators, in the bathrooms, etc.
   (Looking for poster ideas? Come to us!)
- Create an information desk where colleagues/students can receive information and get involved.
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# Motivating your Workplace/Campus During Walktober



### **Engage, Motivate & Communicate**

- Get people talking about it weekly emails, social media, newsletters, posters, competitions etc.
- Create and share internal competitions most improved, leaderboards, Beat the Boss, most creative photo, etc
- Have a weekly team meeting with Team Captains.
- Can you facilitate a walking meeting/ coffee break.
- Team scavenger hunt around the workplace/virtually
- Happy hour hit the weekly target by Friday, finish early!
- Encourage team photos be creative, have fun!
- Publish your organisation's Weekly Leaderboard

Fun



**Achievable** 



**Easy to participate** 

### A sample plan to promote & engage



#### Week 1:

- 1. Send Monday email at 9pm to welcome and encourage Walktober
- 2. Promote this weeks virtual target & team photo competitions
- 3. Send encouragement email midweek to keep stepping
- 4. End of week meeting with team captains share ideas

#### Week 2:

- 1. Publish organisations weekly leaderboard & reminder to log steps
- 2. Send Monday email with new weekly target & competitions
- 3. Create a virtual walk take a team call/selfie during walk
- 4. Weekly team meeting

#### Week 3:

- 1. Publish weekly leaderboard & message of encouragement from Senior Management
- 2. Promote this week's challenge and encourage participation
- 3. Hold an internal competition be as creative as your can.
- 4. Weekly team meeting

#### Week 4:

- 1. Email to encourage continued effort in the final week & publish leaderboard
- 2. Promote the final challenges & competitions
- 3. Congratulate participations for their effort

# **Coordinators Prizes**We value your hard work



The work that <u>YOU</u> put into running a successful Walktober event in your organisation will not go unrecognised.

#### **Prizes:**

- 1: Coordinators who sign up **FIVE +Teams** Entered into a draw for a prize.
- 2: Prizes for the TOP 5 Coordinators at the end of the challenge

#### What will we be looking out for?

- What activities did you engage in prior to the Step Challenge?
- What activities did you organise during the Step Challenge?
- How did you mark the end of the event in your organisation?

### **European Mobility Week**



# EUROPEANMOBILITYWEEK 16-22 SEPTEMBER

- Zero Emissions for all
- Send in a walking photo or selfie (competition)
- Join our fun online quiz on all things MOBILITY

All teams signed up by 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 will be entered into a draw for a Smarter Travel prize



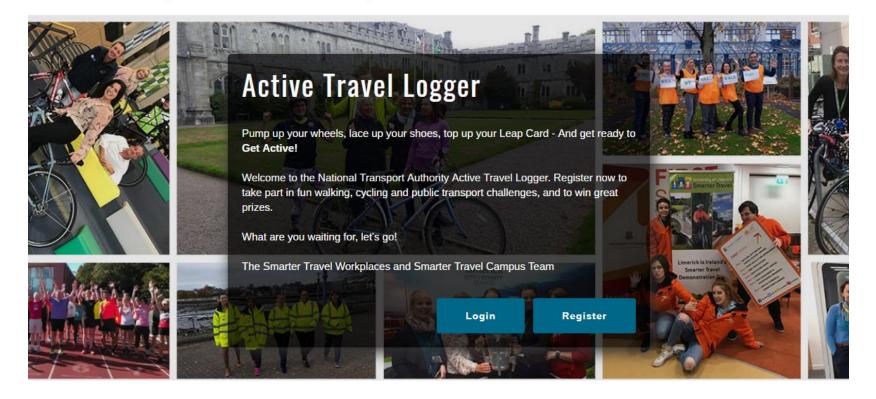




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# Coordinators Panel

# Active Travel Logger - Coordinators Dashboard



- Set up your account on activetravellogger.ie
- Let us know you've done so
- Let us know what email domains are permitted
- We will assign you Coordinator privileges
- On your next log in, you'll see this message



#### **Organisation Coordinator**

Hi,

The Smarter Travel Team has invited you to become a Coordinator for your company. Please read the Terms & Conditions before accepting or declining.

**View Terms & Conditions** 

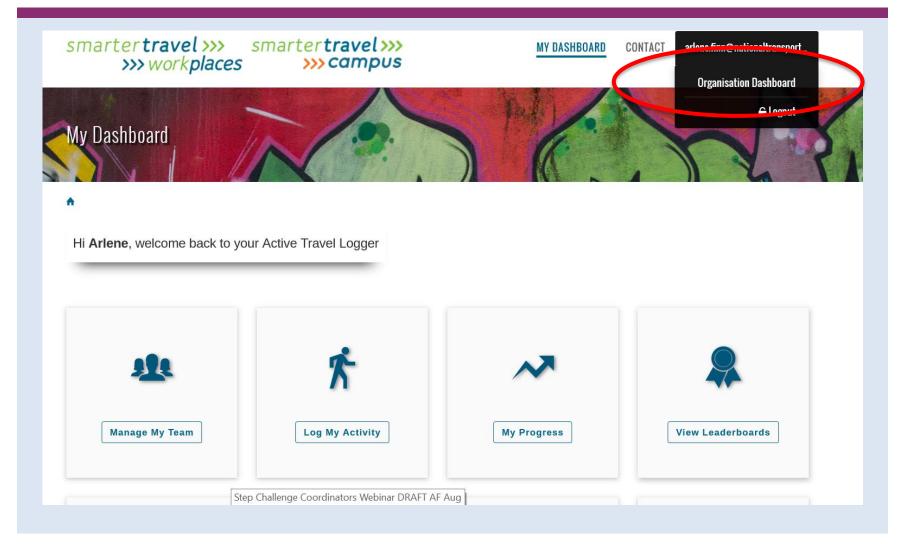
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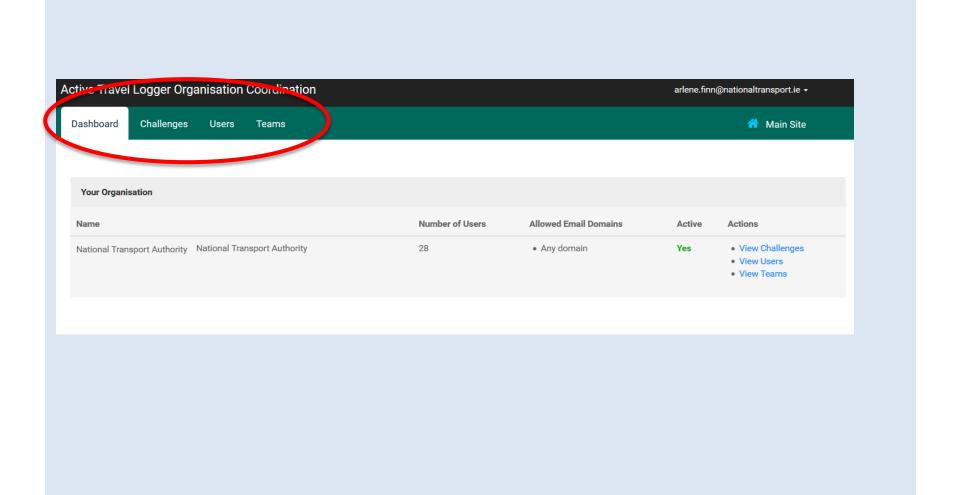
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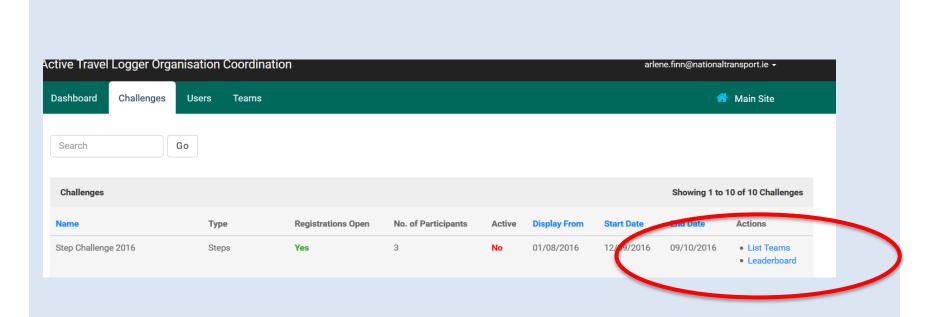
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Choose a Challenge to view Leaderboards and teams

You'll also be able to download certificates of participation for everyone in your group when the challenge ends.



- If your group should be limited to people with particular email addresses e.g.
  - @nationaltransport.ie and
  - @smartertravelworkplaces.ie can access the NTA group.
- We can lock access to more than one email domain
- Don't limit access if all of your employees don't have access to a work email address on a regular basis
- You can include contractors email domains also



# Very important information we now need from you!

- Permitted email domains for your workplace
- An email to tell us you have created your own account on the Active Travel Logger
- Your company logo



Resources: Stepchallenge.ie

**Q&A** 

