







#### Agenda

Overview of the Step Challenge
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## What is the Marchathon Step Challenge?



- Fun & free annual event to promote walking
- For teams of 3-6 people
- To get people walking for 4 weeks (habit-forming) from Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> till Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Tracking steps on a step counter or app
- About encouraging longer term physical activity and a move to more active travel

### What did Participants achieve in 2019?



- 4,650 people from 52 workplaces and campuses walked over 1,1 billion steps!
- Before the Challenge 16% of survey respondents walked to work/college
- During the Challenge 79% said the reported swapping trips for walking
- Following the Challenge 31% plan to walk to work/college on a regular basis



#### Resources Available



- Posters
- Coordinator Guide
- Team Guide
- Banner stand
- www.marchathon.ie
- Weekly Competitions
- Weekly Leaderboards
- Weekly email reminders



#### **New This Year!!**



- Restructure of the prize categories, including:
  - Limerick competition
  - Top 4-10, 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50 prize draws
  - Team based weekly virtual goal
  - Top team per province (based on location headquarter)
- First 10 organisations who organise a sign up event get some goodies to give out. Let us know and send a picture of the event afterwards.
- Pre challenge walk send in your group walking photo to win a selection of Smarter Travel Goody Bags
- Step counters

#### **Leaderboard Categories**



Overall Based Leaderboard	Desk Based Leaderboard
All Teams	Desk Based Teams Only
Total Average Team Steps	Total Average Team Steps

#### **Competitions**



Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Final				
Best team photos		Best team photos		1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place on each LB + draws 4 <sup>th</sup> - 50 <sup>th</sup>				
	Limerick		Limerick	Workplaces/ Campus				
Weekly Goal	Weekly Goal	Weekly Goal	Weekly Goal	Team Captains				
				Best Coordinator				
				In my shoes story				
				Best team per province				
				Participation evaluation				
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#### **Key Dates**



- Registration live on <u>www.activetravellogger.ie</u> from 27<sup>th</sup>
   January 2020
- Marchathon starts Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020
- Marchathon ends Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Final day to log steps 2pm on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> 2020





# Role of the Workplace/Campus Coordinator



#### Promoting in your Workplace/Campus



- Register yourself on the Active Travel Logger
- Email all staff/students
- Use your intranet create an event space
- Do you have a staff/student ezine?
- Posters in halls, canteens, lifts, toilet doors
- Consider social media
- Present at management & department/team meetings
- Sign-up days with PC in canteen at lunch/breaks
- Create internal competition

**Start Your Promotion Now!** 

#### Motivating your Workplace/Campus



#### **Engage & Motivate** before & throughout the month by:

- Get people talking about it social media, newsletters, posters, competitions etc.
- Organise a launch event e.g. walk to work/campus breakfast or lunchtime walk
- Find Champions early that can help promote sign up, and later Champions that can help keep up motivation!
- Call out for team photos and stories and share them
- Publish Weekly Leaderboards

Fun Achievable Easy to participate

#### **Best Practice**



- Form Challenge Organising Committee
- Lunchtime walks
- Internal Competitions
- Introduction of incentives to participate & to keep participating
  - Internal Leaderboard
  - Weekly posters and emails
  - Lunch in canteen
  - Cinema tickets
  - Mugs
  - Healthy snacks
  - Foot cream
  - Walking socks
  - Voucher for walking shoes
- Prize Ceremony fun celebration all for participants
- Surprise/Token for every participant

#### **Coordinators Prizes**



- What activities did you engage in prior to the Step Challenge?
  - Promotion, engagement, management support, launch walk
  - Highlighting the fun element
- What activities did you organise during the Step Challenge?
  - Lunchtime/evening walks
  - Interdepartmental competitions
  - Weekly poster campaigns/talks
  - Keeping the fun alive
- Have you held/do you plan to hold a prize-giving event at your organisation?
  - Canteen or outdoor event
  - Present certs and internal prizes
  - Get management involved

5 Coordinators will each win a €75 gift card

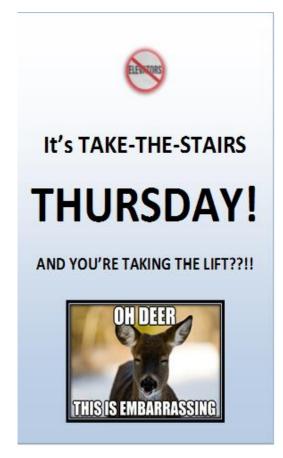
#### Motivational Poster Campaign











#### Beat the Chief Competition







- CEO or similar shares their daily steps with the coordinator only
- Coordinator encourages participants to beat CEO



### **Active Travel Logger**



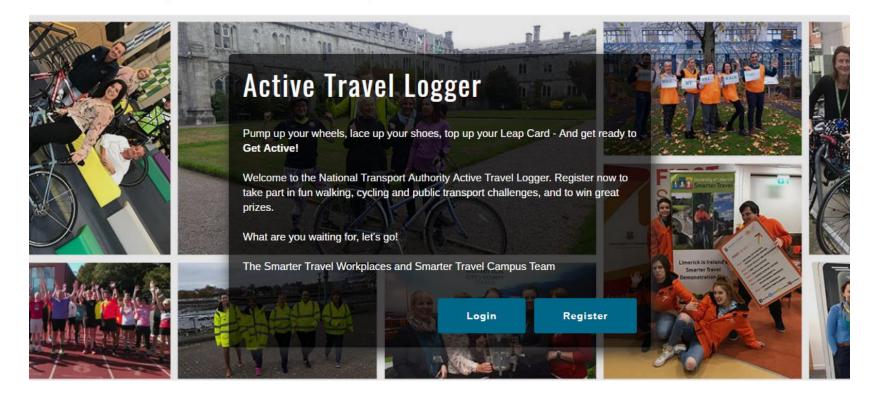
#### **Active Travel Logger**



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### 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** 

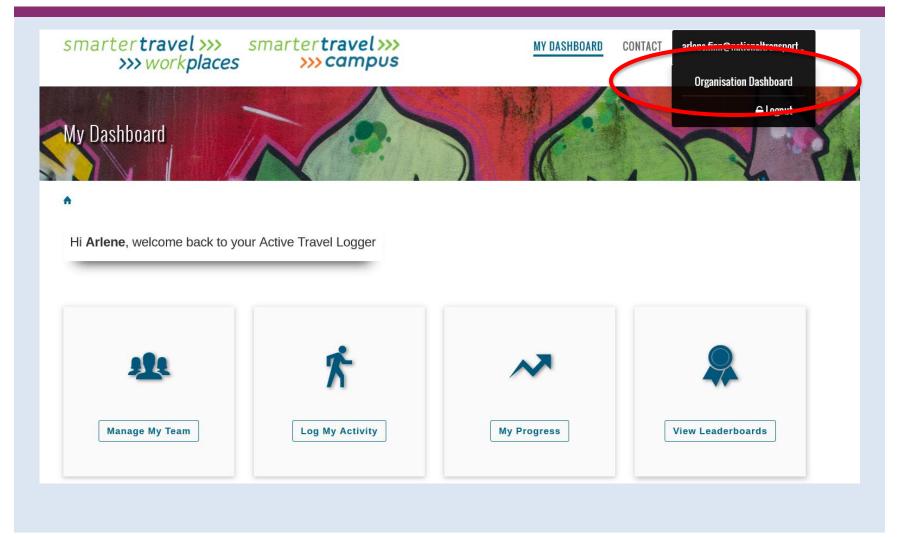
I have read the terms and conditions and I would like to accept the invitation.





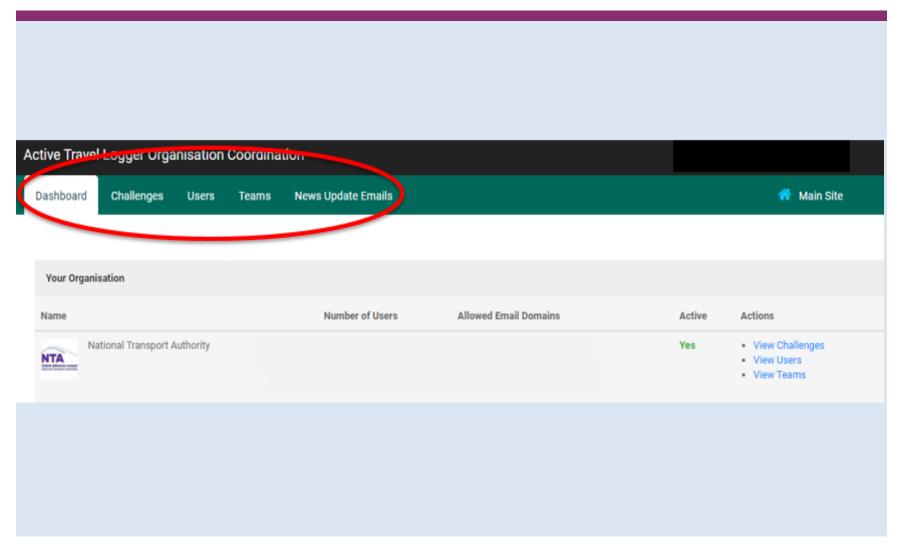
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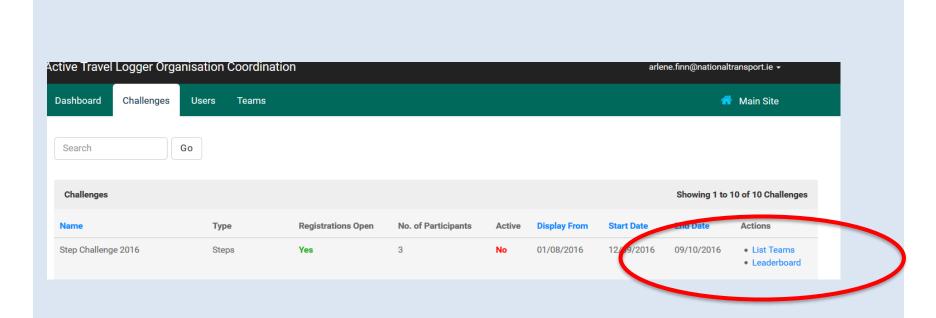
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Choose a Challenge to view Leaderboards and teams

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

#### Active Travel Logger - News Update



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#### Active Travel Logger



- 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

#### Active Travel Logger



# 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



https://www.smartertravelworkplaces.ie/stepchallenge/marchathon-resources/

**Q&A** 

