

Your Move Student Team

I'm keen to be a part of this!

Name: _____

Age: _____

Class: _____

What do you like about walking, cycling, scooting, skating or using public transport?

Why do you want to be a part of the Your Move Student Leadership team?

Why would you be a good Your Move Student Leadership team member? (Are you good at keeping time, taking notes, working in a team, coming up with fun ideas?)

Optional - Do you have a good idea on how to get more kids walking or cycling to school?



Guidelines and ideas on student selection for Your Move Student Teams

Roles of Your Move Student Teams

1. To represent the school community in the Your Move Program.
2. To help survey and consult the school community to measure progress towards car use reduction.
3. To look at the issues at the school and to prepare a list of actions to tackle these issues.
4. To disseminate information on Your Move Actions to the school community (e.g. write stories for the website, newsletter stories, give assembly presentations, encourage competition entries, promote events etc.)
5. To think of creative, fun and innovative actions that get the entire school community excited about active travel and sustainability.

The Your Move Student Team will become an important decision making body in the school concerning the best methods and actions to tackle travel issues at the school. The students will also be able to provide practical hands on help in setting up and providing event days and initiatives.

The following guidelines and suggestions are designed to assist your school in choosing pupil's to be a part of the team.

Guidelines

1. Please select up to 5 pupils from Year's 4 to 8 (if possible ensure a range of ages).
2. Ideally there will also be teacher/parent facilitators (preferably a minimum of 2).
3. Give students regular tasks based on the above roles to maintain their engagement.
4. Meet regularly – once a fortnight every term to complete planning, delivery of initiatives and some evaluation and sharing stories on your schools profile page too.

Ideas for student selection

Background

Innovative and meaningful participation of young people in the Your Move program will be a key factor in its success.

Evidence from the UK shows schools with high levels of pupil participation enjoy greater success integrating school travel into the ethos and working of the school and have, as a

result, increased the long-term maintenance and sustainability of their travel action plan programme. Moreover, initiatives are more likely to be successful and achieve greater car use reduction.¹

Selection process

Prior to selecting students an explanation needs to be given to all classes on 'What is Your Move?' and 'What being part of the Your Move Student Leadership Team will involve?' (Based on roles on previous page).

Many pupils at your school maybe interested in the health, environmental and social benefits of walking and cycling to school, therefore you may get more than 5 pupils interested in being a part of the Your Move Student team.

It is advised that rather than the school selecting students some sort of application/interview or peer review is undertaken in order to determine the students that will be a part of the team. Consideration of the Belbin methodology below will also provide some ideas for student selection

Belbin methodology

The Belbin Team role methodology involves building a team comprising people of various skills and abilities. When choosing students, it is a good idea to think of the following roles that comprise a good team. As the saying goes there is 'No I in Team'

- Spokesperson (Co-ordinator)- good at delegating tasks, can see the bigger picture
- Timekeeper- ensures that projects are delivered on time
- Team worker- puts in hard work when needed, good listener, good at resolving conflicts
- Plant- this student is creative and good at generating new ideas, don't get too bogged down in detail
- Scribe- is a student with good attention to detail, very fair and logical thinkers

As per guidelines you can select up to 5 pupils from Years 4-8.

Below are some other ideas for selecting the students in your school

- You could ask pupils to complete application forms - an example is included on the next page for photocopying – and make a selection based on their answers. This gives the role importance in the school and those students that are interested will take the time to apply.
- Some schools may prefer to conduct interviews with students
- Alternatively, you could run a Your Move competition. For example competition to design a poster to promote walking and cycling or alternatively students to write a

Your Move pledge for the school, outlining why it is important to walk and cycle to school. After running a competition you could then select the winning students to be a part of the team.

- You could get students to nominate their representatives.

Having an informal talk with candidates before deciding who will take on the role will check they understand the job and they really want to do it.

If you need support in selecting students at your school, please ask your Local TravelSmart Officer

References

1. *Davies, Adrian on behalf of Sustrans, 2006, School Travel Initiatives- a practical guide to pupil participation* 2 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belbin_Team_Inventory, 2009