



# Your Move Student Team Guidelines

## Roles of Your Move student team

A Your Move Student Team is an important decision making body in the school, working to influence the best methods and actions to tackle travel issues at the school. The team also provides practical hands-on help in hosting and setting up event days and initiatives.

The following guidelines and suggestions are designed to assist your school in choosing students to be a part of the team. The roles include:

1. Representing the school community in the Your Move program.
2. Helping survey and consult the school community to measure progress towards reduced car use.
3. Looking at the issues at the school and preparing a list of actions to tackle these issues.
4. Sharing information on Your Move actions to the school community (e.g. writing stories for the website or school newsletter, giving assembly presentations, encouraging competition entries, promoting events etc.)
5. Thinking of creative, fun and innovative actions that get the entire school community excited about active travel and sustainability.

## 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

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. As a result, this has increased the long-term maintenance and sustainability of their travel action plan program. Moreover, initiatives are more likely to be successful and achieve greater car use reduction.<sup>1</sup>



## Selection process

Prior to selecting students an explanation needs to be given to all classes on what Your Move is, its purpose and benefits and what being part of the Your Move Student Team will involve (based on roles on previous page).

Many students at your school might be interested in the health, environmental and social benefits of walking and riding to school, so you might get more than five students interested in being a part of the Your Move Student Team.

Instead of the school faculty selecting students, you might consider an application, interview or peer review process 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.

## Building your student team

The Belbin team role methodology suggests that building a team should involve having 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.

- 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 - creative and good at generating new ideas, doesn't get too bogged down in detail.
- Scribe - has good attention to detail, very fair and logical thinker.

As per guidelines select up to five pupils from Years 4-8. Below are some other ideas for selecting the students in your school

- Ask pupils to complete application forms and make a selection based on their answers - an example is included on the next page for printing or providing electronically. 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.
- Run a Your Move competition. For example, a poster competition to promote walking and riding to school or alternatively students could 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.
- 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 that they really want to do it.

If you need support in selecting students at your school, please ask the Active Travel Officer at your Local Government Authority, or contact the Your Move team on (08) 6551 6040.

## 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](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belbin_Team_Inventory), 2009

## Your Move Student Team Application

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 Team?

Why would you be a good Your Move Student 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 riding to school?