

Green-Schools Travel Competition – The BIG TRAVEL Challenge 2024

Terms and Conditions

1. The competition is open to all schools that are participating, or have participated, in An Taisce's Green-Schools Travel programme.
2. Entry to the competition is subject to the following conditions:
 - entrants must submit a clear legible entry form completing each question;
 - shortlisted schools may be required to provide additional information to the judging panel to support their entry e.g. photographs or examples of work;
 - all entry forms must include contact details for the school's Green-Schools Coordinator and Principal;
 - all entries must be submitted to travel@greenschoolsireland.org
3. Entries must be submitted by **4:00 p.m. on 10th April 2024**. An Taisce cannot take any responsibility for any technical failure or malfunction, including but not limited to any affecting upload issues, which may result in any entry being lost or not properly submitted.
4. Schools will be judged based on
 - the increase they have achieved in one mode or multiple/all modes of sustainable travel: **walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, park 'n' stride, public transport and carpooling**, between the 4th and 15th March 2024;
 - the number of **actions** related to sustainable and active travel organised between the 4th and 15th March 2024;
 - innovation and creativity in the promotion and awareness of sustainable travel.
 - how the changes and actions are spread and communicated to the wider school community over the competition period.
5. By submitting an entry for the competition, the school is deemed to have given consent for the entry and all subsequent material gathered by the judging panel in relation to the competition, to be published free of charge by An Taisce's Green-Schools Travel programme in all digital and printed media, including Internet, for all purposes as it wishes. This includes photographs submitted to An Taisce Green-Schools.
6. At their discretion, the judging panel may select up to **29 County Winners** (one per Local Authority). Of the County Winners, **4 Regional Winners** will be chosen by the judging panel and their Travel Officers. Of the 4 Regional Winners, **1 Overall/National Winner** will be chosen as the **BIG TRAVEL CHALLENGE Winner/Travel School of the Year!** The judging panel will also select **1 Overall Staffroom Winner**. The judges' decision is final. No correspondence relating to the competition will be entered into.
7. The prizes consist of:

- The **29 County Winners** will win a cash prize of €200 which can be used to celebrate their Green-Schools achievement with a pizza party or ice-cream van.
 - **4 Regional Winners and 1 Overall Staffroom Winner** will each receive €500 to spend on their sustainable travel programme and will be invited to the awards ceremony to take place in Dublin in late April 2024. The **Big Travel Challenge Winner/Travel School of the Year** will receive a total prize fund of €1000 (€500 + €500) to spend on their sustainable travel programme. The overall winner will be announced on the day of the award ceremony.
 - A profile of the winning schools, at county and regional level and their travel work will be added to the Green-Schools website and social media.
8. Representatives from the 4 Regional Winners and the Overall Staffroom Challenge Winner must be available to attend the awards ceremony in Dublin Zoo in April 2024 (23rd, 24th or 25th April TBC), advance notice will be given of the ceremony date. It will be the school's responsibility to ensure that any pupils/students attending have the requisite parent/guardian consent to attend.
 9. Winning schools may be required to give a brief presentation of their travel work and achievements at the awards ceremony. Reasonable notice will be given to allow schools to prepare this presentation.
 10. Winning schools will be expected to take part in competition publicity including being photographed by the media. Participating schools must consent to the entry form and all subsequent material associated with the competition being used by An Taisce's Green-Schools Travel programme in all media for all purposes.
 11. The winners will be notified within 7 days of the close of the competition by email, as per the contact details provided in their entry.
 12. Confirmation of receipt of entries will be by email only. An email address must be provided for this purpose.
 13. An Taisce is unable to return any entries.
 14. Entry to the competition constitutes full and unconditional acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.