

The Human Race

Road Safety/Sustainable Transport Drama Activity Written and Presented by Paul Stevens

The Human Race is an interactive drama activity on the themes of road safety and sustainable transport designed for Year 5 and 6 pupils. Written by Paul Stevens of **!PS PRODUCTIONS**, it was specially commissioned by the Road Safety/School Travel Plan team at Devon County Council. Paul Stevens is well known in Devon schools for his PSHE productions covering issues such as Drugs & Alcohol and Sex & Relationship Education. He has worked on many occasions with the Healthy Schools' and PSHE teams at Devon County Council.

It is well-known that road accidents amongst children peak at the age of 11-12 when children gain more independence and move on to secondary school. This reinforces the need for good road safety education during the primary years, and **The Human Race** was produced to be part of a comprehensive road safety programme in your school. It was also designed to reinforce the health and environmental messages of your School Travel Plan, and to stimulate debate about sustainable, green alternatives to car use on the school run.



Paul Stevens at the 2006 Schools' TravelWise Conference at Buckfast Abbey

The Human Race is an interactive and stimulating activity which engages pupils of all abilities; it requires pupils to work through various road safety and sustainable transport problems in a fun and challenging manner. It lasts for about one hour and is suitable for a maximum of 30 pupils.

The School Travel Plan team has produced a set of follow-up activities for pupils to do in class; to achieve maximum benefit from the production, we recommend that schools make use of these. We also recommend that Year 6 pupils are encouraged, through an assembly or similar activity, to disseminate the information they have learned to the rest of the school. This will help to reinforce the road safety messages and provide valuable learning and citizenship opportunities for pupils.

If you would like Paul Stevens to perform **The Human Race** at your school, please contact him directly.

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