

## JOIN THE CHALLENGE – WALK2COP27

The Laudato Si Animators in the UK are being invited to become actively involved in the climate change debate leading up to the **United Nations Climate Conference COP27 in November.**

To do so, they are asking every Animator to join in the Walk to Cop27 initiative, [Walk2COP27](#), together with other individuals, friends, families, students, faith groups, NGOS, companies .... The object is to walk, talk and act on climate change, to bring people together from different countries, inform and educate, build solidarity, and create connections.



**Our team** is **LaudatoSiAnimatorsUK** which has already been set up. **All you need to do is join!**

But, of course, you can't be expected to walk from Glasgow to Sham El-Sheikh in Egypt, so it's a 'virtual' journey, which means you can walk, run, cycle or travel by wheelchair in teams, whatever and wherever you choose, over 45 days from 22/09 to 07/11. Trees will be planted for the distance travelled on behalf of Walk2COP27 by the Jane Goodall Institute.

You start in Glasgow and follow a route through France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, to Egypt. In each country you can 'stop' at a virtual venue to have a meeting, called 'Townhall' events, which you can join in with. En route, you can talk with other participants, just as you would if you were walking together.

### **There are 4 activities to participate in:**

- \* the **walking** (or running or cycling or travelling in a wheelchair bit). Follow this link to see how to do that: [Register Now! — Walk2COP27](#). Once you are in the app you will be asked for a team, our team is set up and is "LaudatoSiAnimatorsUK"

- \* joining **townhall** events to learn about climate change and responses in different geographic, social and economic contexts. See the listing here: [The Journey — Walk2COP27](#). For those already set up there's a link to join

- \* joining or leading a **Clubhouse event**. These are 1 hour long, participant led discussions on many aspects of climate action. Please follow this link to see how to participate as listener or lead: [Clubhouse — Walk2COP27](#)

- \* and **social media**. Walk2COP27 has the website but is also on Instagram/ Facebook and Linkedin. Please follow the action and contribute by posting, sharing, linking etc. Searching on #walk2cop27 is a good way to find out the latest on most platforms.

**You need to register NOW, as the first event, the Glasgow Townhall, takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, with Bishop John Arnold participating.**

At the end of the journey, the view of participants will be synthesised and presented to COP as a UNFCCC, Climate Champions, Race to Resilience partner.

The objectives of WAL2COP27 are big. They want to get 10,000 participants who together will 'walk' 2 million km over the 45 days, with 1 million trees planted. 10% of participants are expected to attend each 'Townhall' event and a minimum of 3 managed discussions on Clubhouse highlighting climate action between each city event. Half the participants are expected to attend 2 or more events. Financially, they expect every team will raise \$200 each and that companies would make up 20% of the total of \$400,000. 25% of the walkers would then contribute to the COP27 proclamation that will be delivered on completion.

**So do join in the WAL2COP27 and join the LaudatoSiAnimatorsUK team.**

**Think about** your targets in terms of both distance travelled and money raised if you are fundraising. Plan your mix of local activities, virtual attendance of the townhalls, and participation in Clubhouse. Make sure you have looked through the website and checked out our social media presence.

**From 22/09**, the journey is live with the first townhall in Glasgow. Pursue your distance and fundraising goals, enter progress on the app or via the website, attend the townhalls and keep up with the social media postings to see how you are doing. Encourage your team. Reach out to others outside your organisation who are involved. Continue to invite others - our objectives depend on this reaching many.

Brian Austin for Laudato Si Animators UK

Source: [Walk2COP27](#)

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