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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines unites homeworking and furlough teams in Around the World Challenge for NHS Charities Together

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' head office staff have set themselves a challenge to walk around the world in a bid to raise £1,000 for NHS Charities Together.

The Around the World Challenge was the brainchild of Ellie Fulcher, Sales Manager – Groups and Affinity, and encourages people to use their one hour of daily exercise to see how far they can walk, run, cycle or even swim.

Speaking about the challenge, Ellie said:

"All of us at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines are missing the sense of normality that cruising in a healthy world brings. Those of us who are working from home are desperately missing our colleagues on furlough leave, and we know that they are missing us, too.

"What we also have in common is that we are all indebted to our wonderful NHS, who are working incredibly hard to combat Covid-19.

"I wanted to do something to bring us together as a team again, working towards a shared goal as we always have, although this time it is to raise as much money for the NHS as we can.

"There are 24,901 miles around the world. We don't know how long it will take us, but we do know that anything that can bring us together to support our NHS at this time will be greatly appreciated by all of those who are working so hard to keep us safe and well."

To help step up the miles, FTC Gym, which neighbours Fred. Olsen House in Ipswich, is running weekly virtual step-based classes for the team in return for a donation to NHS Charities Together.

The team has already covered over 600 miles since the challenge launched on 1st May, and will be sharing updates each Wednesday as part of their Virtual Cruising programme and the 'Walk a Mile With a Smile' event.

To follow the team's progress, or to join the virtual cruising experience, search for Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines on Facebook, or visit www.fredolsencruises.com/the-bridge

Fred. Olsen Cruise Line operates in the UK with four intimately sized ships for a more personal cruising experience.

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