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Bangers and cash! Friends take on three-day challenge

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A plucky group of intrepid travellers will take on the challenge of driving from Calais to Gothenburg in three days.

But will their rust buckets allow them to make it? That's the challenge that employees from **Esri UK** will be taking on later this month, with the hope of raising £20,000 for Outward Reach.

Esri UK is sending two teams on this year's Rusty Rally: Destination Abba - consisting of Rob Nichols, Simon Cottingham, Jack Hardy and Kris Keen and Bad Hair Day made up of Craig Bloomfield, Jim Dixon, Ben Pleasant and Dom Saunders.

Members of each team have already volunteered for The Outward Bound and been involved in taking disadvantaged children, from local schools, on potentially life-changing courses at Outward Bound centres around the country.

Lucy Sharma, of Outward Bound, said: "This will be an amazing effort from everyone, with the money going towards some fantastic opportunities for the kids on the Outward Bound Programme.

"The lessons they learn on these trips can be applied to their own lives, so it's a fantastic opportunity to learn from their own experiences and others, to build friendships



Destination Abba and Bad Hair Day get ready to take on the challenge!

and knowledge," she added. "It's amazing when these kids go home and show their parents what they have learned.

The two cars that will be

taking this epic journey of 6 countries in 3 days, covering 1000 miles, will be an old Volkswagen Golf and a Volvo 740, covered in sponsors and stickers.

To donate to the teams, visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rustyally> or <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/esriukrustyally>.

