

SERVICE PROJECT: Car pollution – CALL FOR CHANGE

My topic of the service project was car pollution. I chose this topic because our world is at a critical point right now. A lot of animals and plants are dying because of us and I hope that with this project some people start thinking about the environment and hopefully change their behaviour. I think it is very important to use a bus or ride a bike or walk if you live 5 minutes away from your destination, because it can reduce the CO2 emissions and make the streets more quiet and crowded. Imagine if everybody made some changes, think of how much better the world would be.

That is why I did a survey in the MYP and it was answered by 49 students. Here are the results. I mostly wanted to know whether the CORONA quarantine and the obvious temporary improvements in the climate changed the way the students look at the environment and their daily habits.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY:

How did you travel to school before the quarantine?

Public transport 24.32%

family car 51%

shared car transport 2.70%

bike or by foot 21%

Did you worry about pollution before the quarantine?

No 24.44%

So so 46%

Yes 28%

Did you notice any changes in the air during the corona quarantine?

No 42%

Yes 58%

Do you think is important to keep the air clear and the CO2 and other emissions low?

No 0%

Maybe 14%

yes 86%

Are you thinking of changing something in your behaviour after the quarantine?

No 38%

Maybe a few changes 43%

Yes I'm thinking about it 20%

If we look at the results, we see that the students saw the changes in the atmosphere and two thirds of the students are thinking to change their habits, which is positive.

And now I'll give you some tips on how to make your CO2 print smaller.

- Ride a bike everywhere you can. If a shop or a friend is 1 or 2 km away, a bike will take you there as well.
- Plan your trips wisely share transport, shop once or twice a week.
- Use public transport as much as you can.
- Drive a low carbon vehicle (in some cases also an electric car is sensible, or a hybrid).
- Check the tyre inflation and other settings regularly.
- Avoid traffic jams.

LET'S DO IT!

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