

## **Public transport and climate change**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2021, I attended an interesting summit where different schools in Malta participated online. The topic of discussion was Public Transport and Climate Change. First, we discussed why it is better to use public transport rather than personal cars and then we discussed why people do not consider using public transport and still travel with their own cars. We were then split up into breakout rooms where we kept discussing in smaller groups. Our school was working with St. Francis Cospicua, and Ms. Audrey Gauci showed us a power point presentation to generate a discussion. We discussed the pros and cons of public transport. After that, we brainstormed ways to encourage people to use public transport and we came up with very good suggestions such as strong campaigns to promote buses and entertainment on the bus especially on long routes. We also suggested car-free days, the change to electric buses and additional routes and frequency of buses. We also talked about having more bus lanes to avoid traffic jams and less commuting time.

Using buses will not only help the environment but it will also reduce traffic accidents and traffic on our roads so all of us will benefit from this change. It was a positive learning experience and an interesting summit indeed.

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