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# Inform, Involve, Empower – experiences of citizen engagement from ClairCity and WeCount

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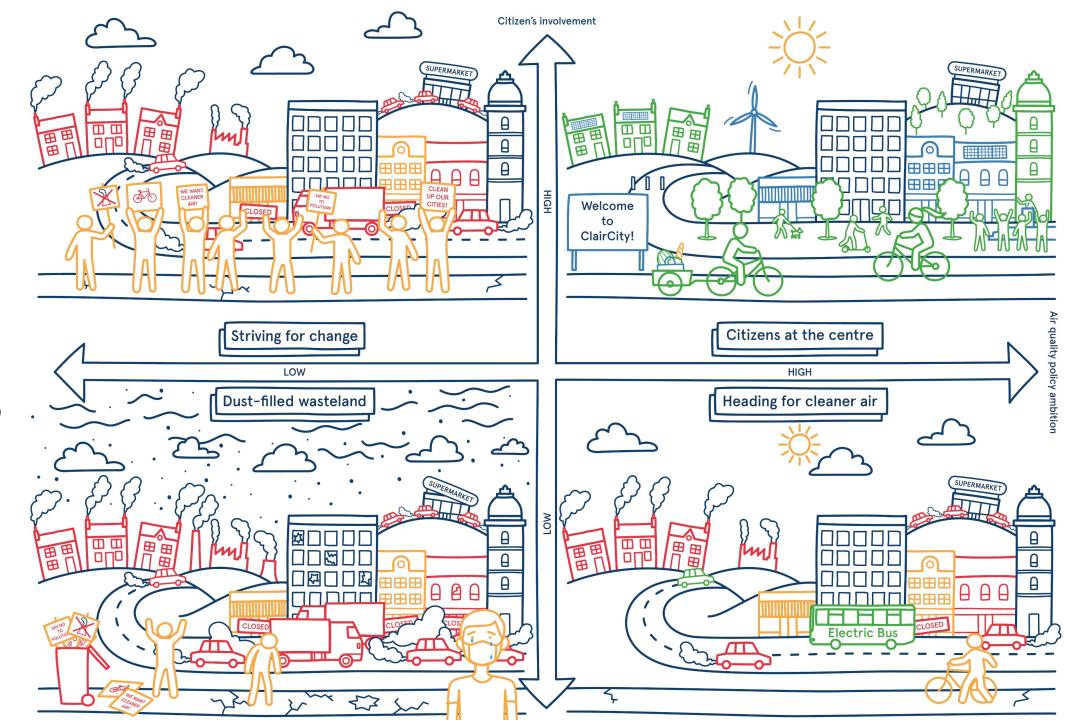








Which future do you want to help create?



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### How to engage: the Community Engagement Continuum

#### Inform

To provide stakeholders with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives and solutions.

#### Consult

To obtain stakeholder feedback on analysis, alternatives and or decisions.

### Involve

To work directly with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that their concerns and aspirations are consistently understood.

### Collaborate

To partner with stakeholders in each aspect of the decision from development to solution.

### **Empower**

Shared leadership of community-led projects with final decision-making at the community level

"Here's what's happening" "Here are some options, what do you think?" "Here's a problem, what ideas do you have?" "Let's work together to solve the problem" "You care about this issue and are leading an initiative, how can we support you?"









# Ways to engage

INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
Website, leaflets, talks, videos, Infographics, social media, advertising, media, presentations, exhibitions	Polls, voting, online consultations, paper surveys, interviews, focus groups, online forums, Social media discussions, Workshops, door-to-door,	Crowdsourcing Ideas, community mapping, digital storytelling, design charette, mind mapping, visioning	Large group meetings, document co- creation, online communities, open space, working groups	Decision- making platform, public advisory committee, citizen juries, citizen communities , community
				indicator projects, Asset-based
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## Inform: Citizen-led air pollution reduction in cities

Everyday, air pollution and carbon emissions are produced by our commutes to work, by heating our homes, or through our daily lifestyles.

The ClairCity aim was to create a major shift in public understanding towards the causes of poor air quality, inviting citizens to give their opinions on air pollution and carbon reduction to shape the cities of the future.





# WHAT IS AIR POLLUTION AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT US?



# IT'S YOUR HEALTH

BREATHING POLLUTED AIR RAISES THE CHANCES OF HEART ATTACKS, STROKES, AND LUNG CANCER. IT MAKES RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS LIKE ASTHMA OR BRONCHITIS WORSE.

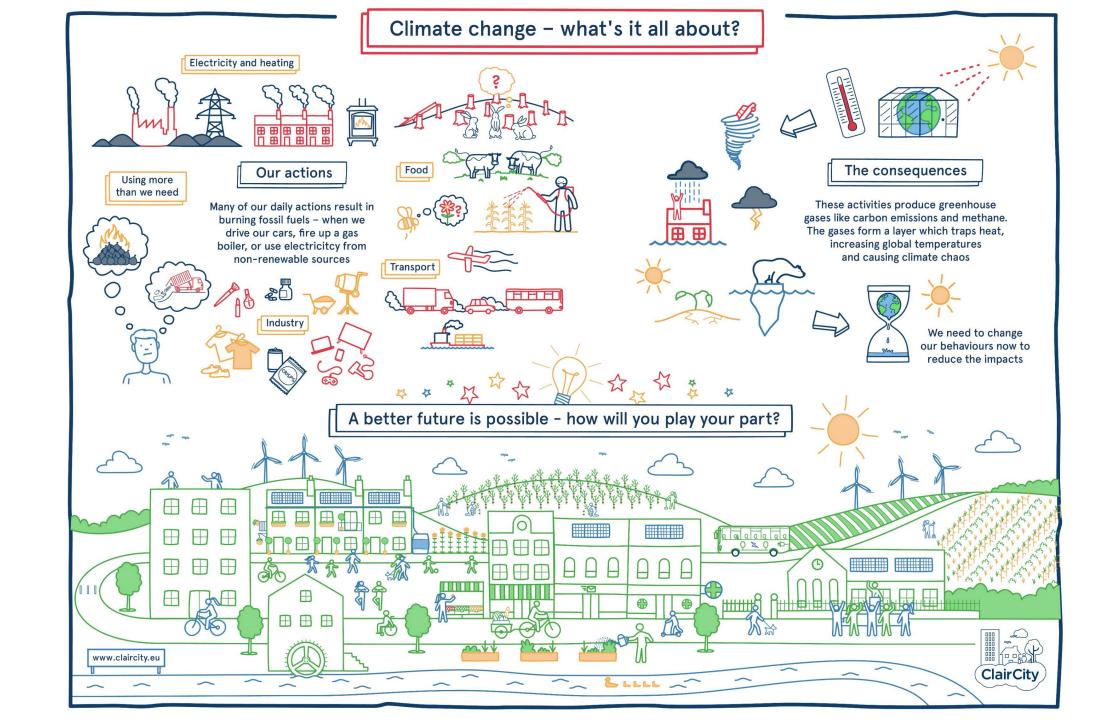




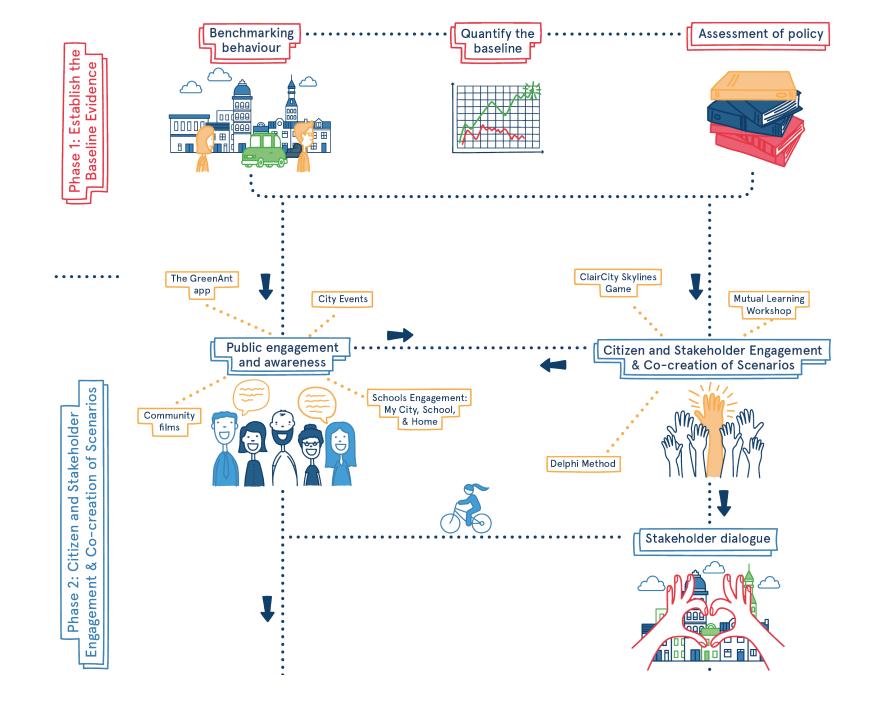


# 1 IN 8 DEATHS

AIR POLLUTION CAUSES ONE IN EVERY EIGHT PREMATURE DEATHS WORLDWIDE.

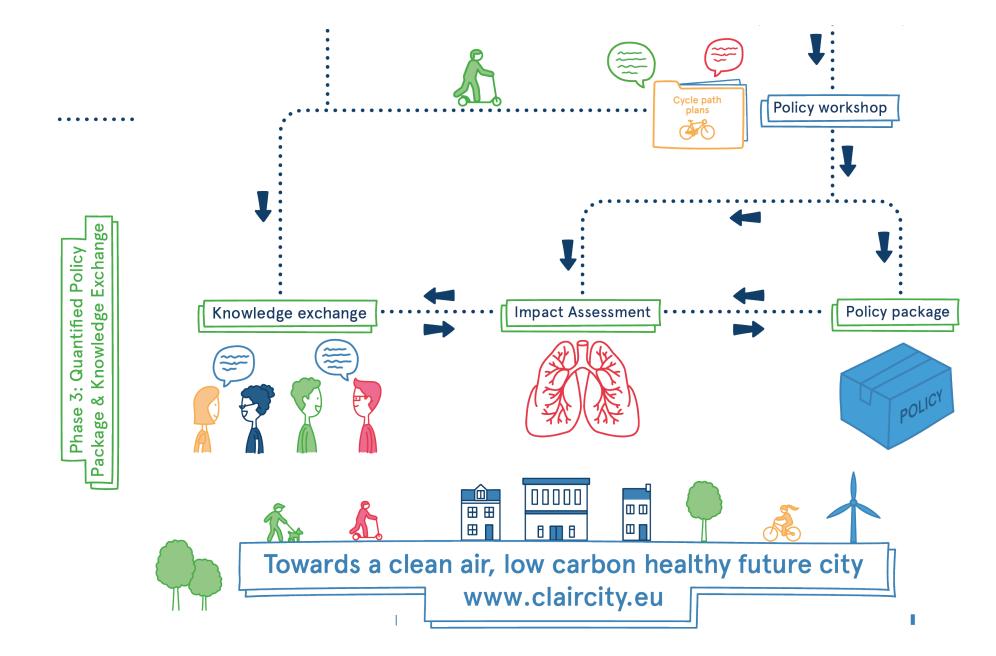




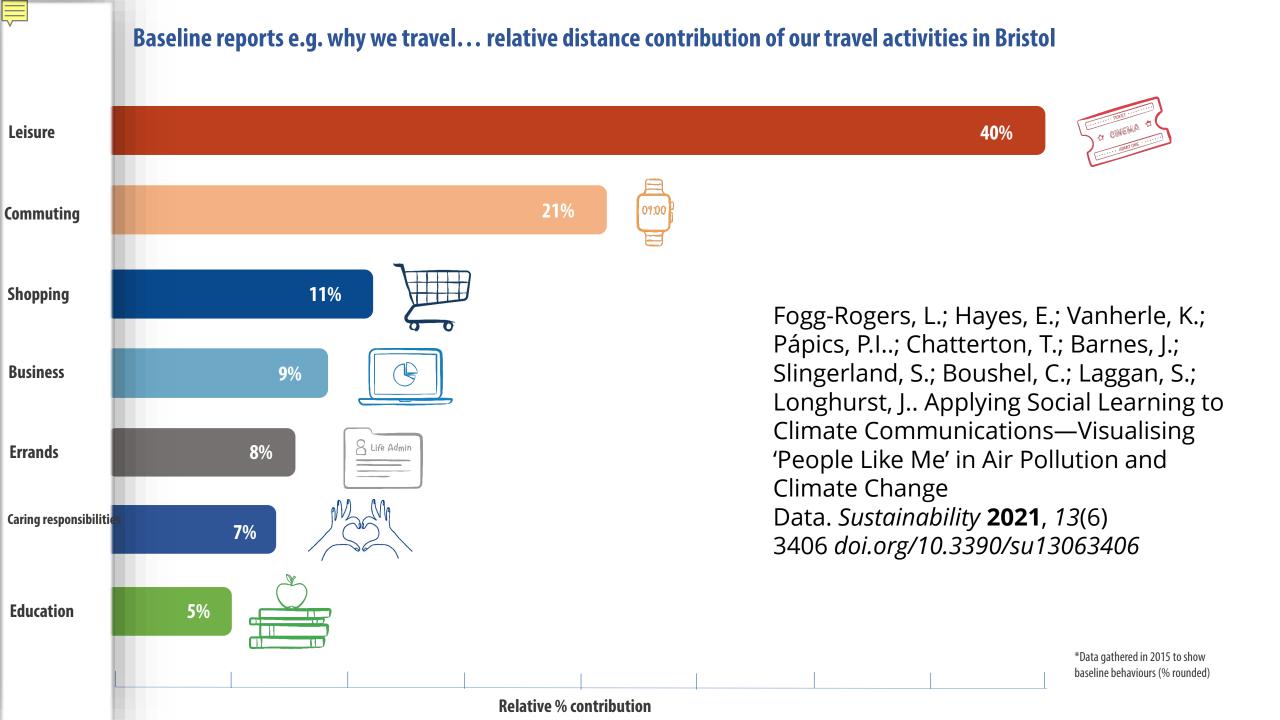






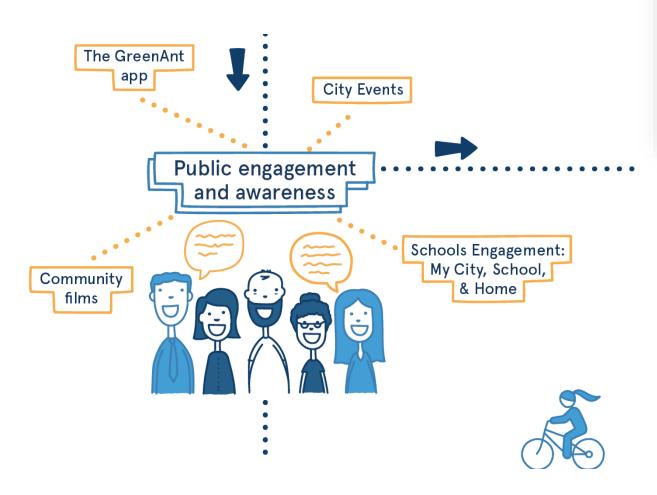








## **Consult and Involve**







# **Engagement tools**





770,253
Twitter impressions

5,801 YouTube video views

1,418
Facebook
followers

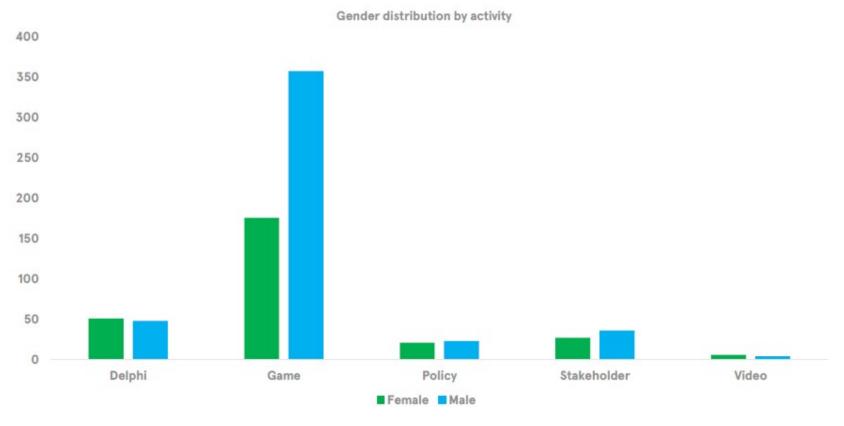
33,678
Website visitors

# **ClairCity results**

818,736
citizens
involved across
6 cities and
regions



## Different activities needed to appeal to different ages, genders, and communities



Boushel, and L. Fogg Rogers, "Citizen-led air pollution reduction in cities (ClairCity) Final evaluation report," 2020. https://uwerepository.worktribe.com/ output/6017473/citizenled-air-pollutionreduction-in-citiesclaircity-final-evaluationreport

M. Sardo, S. Laggan, C.



 the more participants understanding had improved, the more likely they were to change their behaviour



 the more participants enjoyed the activity, the more their understanding of air quality improved



 the younger the participants, the more likely they were to say that they enjoyed the activity

# Collaborate – citizens want ambitious policies designed with their needs in mind

## **Bristol's top five**

## Citizen-led clean air policies

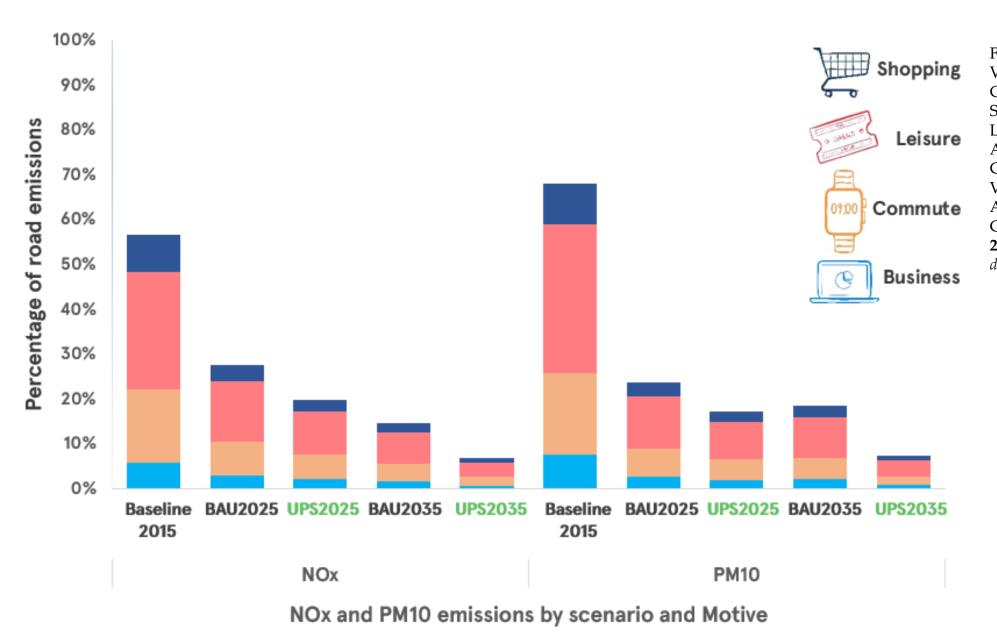
- 1. Ban/phase out polluting vehicles
- 2. Make buses greener and cleaner
- 3. Make public transport more affordable
- 4. Create alternatives to car use through better walking and cycling infrastructure
- 5. Reduce vehicle road space and increase public transport space







### Road transport NOx and PM10 emissions scenarios by motive



Fogg-Rogers, L.; Hayes, E.; Vanherle, K.; Pápics, P.I..; Chatterton, T.; Barnes, J.; Slingerland, S.; Boushel, C.; Laggan, S.; Longhurst, J.. Applying Social Learning to Climate Communications—Visualising 'People Like Me' in Air Pollution and Climate Change Data. Sustainability 2021, 13(6) 3406 doi.org/10.3390/su13063406

Citizens were more ambitious than Business as Usual

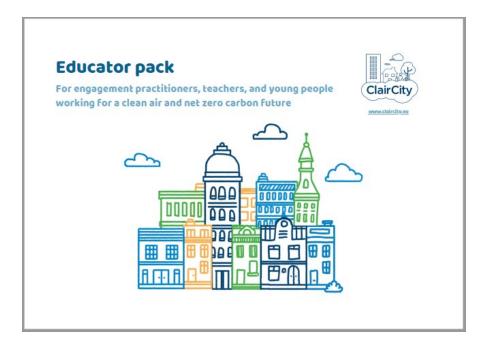
# **Community resources**



www.claircity.eu/take-action/community-activator

- @Claircity
- @WecountH

www.claircity.eu/ta ke-action/educator





http://www.claircity.eu/take -action/sciencecommunicator/

## **Collaborate and Empower**

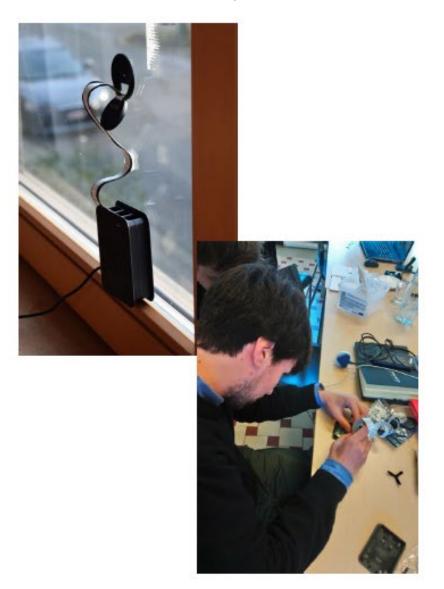


### What is WeCount?

- Road traffic and urban mobility is a hot topic with plenty opinionated and even militant citizens already engaged. Although the younger voice is often not heard
- The aim is work with citizens to quantify local road transport, produce new knowledge on local mobility, and co-create informed solutions to tackle various urban mobility challenges such as speeding, rat-running, peak episodes, air pollution, active travel etc.
- The WeCount project will carry out five different pilot studies in six EU cities / regions:
  - Leuven, Belgium;
  - Madrid / Barcelona, Spain;
  - Ljubljana, Slovenia;
  - Dublin, Ireland; and
  - Cardiff, UK.

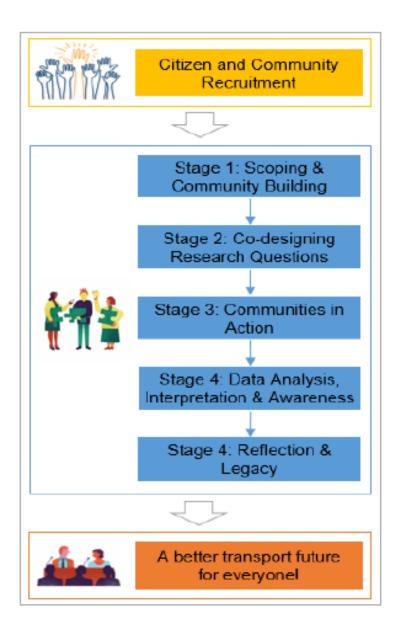


# **Community traffic sensing**



- A Telraam sensor is placed in an upstairs window with a clear view of the road. www.telraam.net
- The sensor, via an algorithm in a Raspberry Pi, counts cars, large vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians and can also assess car speeds.
- The data is open access and can be viewed on the sensor data dashboard.
- We work with local communities to establish these sensor networks in their neighbourhoods.
- We facilitate local workshops and discussions to utilise this data and local knowledge to address the key challenge(s) that the community is interested in.





## What is the role of the citizen in the process?

- Stage 1: Bringing communities together.
- Stage 2: How can WeCount help answer my local transport problem?
- Stage 3: Communities in Action
- Stage 4: Analyse and discuss among stakeholders to identify areas for action and impact.
- Stage 5: Did we achieve our goals? What transferrable lessons? What are the next steps?





## "WeCount, WeAnalyse, WeAdvocate"



#### Zone 30

Aantal wagens in % - per dag en per snelheidklasse Brusselsestraat, Leuven, https://telraam.net/nl/location/34809 januari-november 2020

## **Success story**

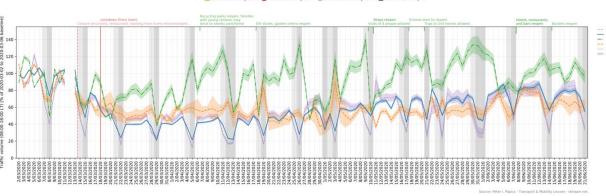
### Speed analysis and policy change by participating citizen

- ⇒ Citizen installed a device to monitor non-compliance of speed limit and used data to convince the local authority to do an intervention to lower the speed of passing cars
- $\Rightarrow$  2 interventions: digital speed sign [1] & a speed bump [2], both had significant impact on the speed, as observed by the sensor
- ⇒ Analysis done by a second participating citizen (!)

### "Covid-Tracker"

- ⇒ Monitoring the impact of Covid-19 on our mobility, using citizen science data
- ⇒ confirming findings by Google Mobility etc.
- ⇒ adding interesting observations on the use of active travel



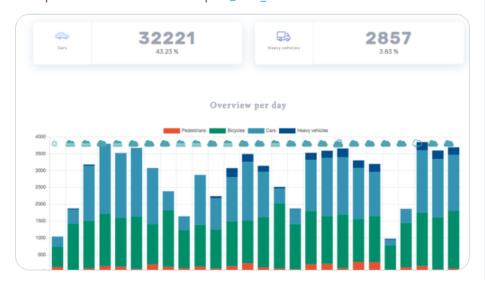


## **Impact stories**

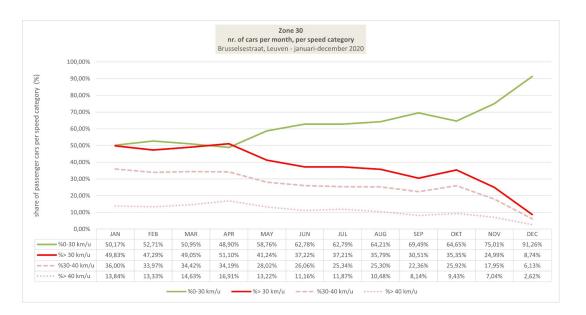


Fumuts Ros de Olano @fumutsrosolano · 28 Dec 2020

Cada mes que passa sense pacificació real a RosDeOlano és un mes amb 32.000 cotxes i 2.850 camions per davant les nostres finestres. És un altre mes amb petits i grans caminant fumuts i eixordats per les voreres de metre d'ample. És un altre mes sense que @Bcn\_Gracia ho solucioni



https://we-count.net//news





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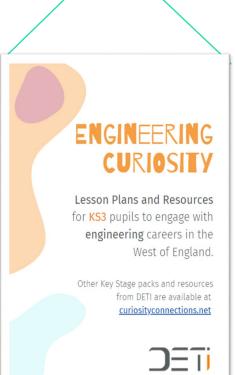
Our students (and even some teachers) have become #citizenscientists by building and installing @WecountH traffic sensors sent to us by #smartbalbriggan and @f\_pilla . They will now spend the summer generating data and knowledge that will help improve mobility in their own areas.



## **Sustainable futures series**



**TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION** 









KS2 & 3
Science, Math, D&T, English

Science, D&T, English, Geography

KS2 & 3

Science, D&T, English, Geography

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Science, D&T, English, Geography, IT, Maths

KS2 & KS4

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