

# Meeting Role Play - How to Improve Air Quality in our Town

You are a member of a town council, and it is your responsibility to improve living standards for residents in the area. Over the past 2 years, the town has seen a huge increase in traffic, and residents have been complaining about the overall air quality as a result. The aim of the meeting is to discuss ways to improve air quality with a tight budget.

## Agenda:

### Introduction and welcoming participants

### Discuss Options for Improving Air Quality in the Town:

#### Promote Sustainable Transportation:

- Invest in public transportation systems (e.g., buses, trains) to encourage residents to use them instead of personal vehicles.
- Develop and expand bike lanes and pedestrian-friendly pathways to promote walking and cycling.
- Offer incentives for electric vehicle (EV) adoption.

#### Implement Carpooling and Ride-sharing Programs:

- Establish carpooling networks and ridesharing platforms to reduce the number of vehicles on the road.
- Encourage local businesses and organizations to promote carpooling among employees.

#### Promote Urban Green Spaces:

- Increase the number of parks, gardens, and green spaces to absorb pollutants and improve air quality.
- Plant trees strategically along busy roads.

#### Implement Low-Emission Zones:

- Designate specific areas in the town as low-emission zones, where only vehicles meeting certain emission standards can enter.
- Introduce charges for cars entering zones in the city centre.

#### Community Days

- Introduce a cycle to work day.
- Brainstorm other community activities

**Encourage Renewable Energy Sources:**

- Promote the use of renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, for electricity generation.
- Offer incentives for businesses and home-owners to install solar panels or invest in renewable energy projects.

**Brainstorming other methods to improve air quality**

**Next Steps - Delegating responsibilities moving forward**