How liveable neighbourhoods improve children’s safety and health

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William (7) walks to school...
Sandra (7) is being driven to school ...
Samuel (7) is being driven to school …
Maria (10) walks to school …
Busy streets separate children from their destinations
(Fast) traffic separates children from their friends
Streets can limit social & neighbourhood contacts

Salomé, 7 years

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Social isolation in bad traffic environments…

Roman
7 years
Limited, boring space to play in garden – and no friends

Anna, 7 years

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Social life flourishes in good environments
Squeezed in between: little room left for children…
The loooong way accross

Beatrix, 13 years

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Streets that create fear and anxiousness…

Markus, 9 years

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The joys of cycling - and ‘being cycled’

Wir sind jetzt den in der Schule

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The joys of walking – alone or with a friend

Lisa, 8 years

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The joys of living in convivial spaces
EcoMobility from a children’s perspective?!

Sofia, 7 years

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Conclusions

• The needs of children reach far beyond the narrow limits of today’s traffic system.
• A radical change is needed: more space, safety and conviviality, less separation
• It is up to us to listen, act and implement!
Thank you!