



Children increase awareness about the environment and develop researching, photography and activism skills.

Spread the Word 1



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- 1 Create a discussion around news that leads to why environment features on the news are important: because what happens to the environment affects us all. In this activity the children learn how spreading the word is a very strong way of acting for the environment.
- 2 Browse a green news source for discussion. You may wish to use the *Il-Huttafa* magazine page* in the BirdLife Malta website. This bi-monthly publication for BirdLife's junior membership is full of highly visual nature-related material that includes news, features and activity.
- 3 Together analyse the news format from a few news items you share on the board. Guide the children to notice that to draw attention, news items have:
 - a picture
 - a headline
 - researched fact statements
 - an opinion sentence or two
 Now in groups, children identify these four items in a news snippet of their own.
- 4 Groups report their news item back to class, pointing out the four article features. Don't forget to mention when the news actually happened, since you are using second-hand sources.
- 5 Allow a few minutes after each news presentation, for discussion and commenting by the rest of the class. These discussions will serve as a platform for SPREAD THE WORD 2.

* <https://birdlifemalta.org/information/publications/il-huttafa/>

Use the Dinja Wahda Notice Board and tell the school about what you're doing.

Send photos of children

- ☐ researching green news
- ☐ presenting news

