

Greta Thunberg

Greta Thunberg is a Swedish student and climate activist. She tries to raise awareness about climate change around the world.



Beginning of Awareness

As a child, Greta was taught to save electricity, not to waste water and not to throw away good food.

When she asked why, Greta first heard the words 'climate change'. At first, Greta did not believe what she had heard; surely, if humans know that they can change the climate, they should simply stop doing harmful things. Yet, nobody seemed to be doing anything about it.

Greta began to research climate change during her teenage years. She began to make small changes in her own life to reduce her carbon footprint. She became vegan – cutting out all animal products from her diet – and stopped buying things unless they were truly necessary.

Family Life

Greta Thunberg was born to parents Malena Ernman and Svante Thunberg in 2003. When Greta was born, her mother was an opera singer and she travelled globally from their home in Sweden to perform in musicals and theatre shows. Greta's father worked as an actor – just as his father had before him. Greta also has a younger sister named Beata.

In 2015, Greta also decided to stop flying in aeroplanes because of the impact it has on the environment. Greta shared what she had found out with her family and they agreed to do the same.

Greta's mother gave up all air travel and ended her international career. When Greta saw that her family had all made small changes too, this gave her hope that she could spread the word further and have a greater impact on the planet.

Greta continues to travel the world using eco-friendly transport in order to spread the word about climate change.

