

Organising a petition

A petition is used to raise awareness or to get support for a particular issue.

- State clearly what the petition is about at the top of the sheet. e.g. We the undersigned ask our Principal to purchase low energy light bulbs for our school.

Petition Heading:

- Use a clipboard so that people have something to write on.
- Make sure you can explain the issue clearly if asked.

Explanation of issue:

Decide when and where you will get the petition signed e.g. in the school, at the local shopping centre, in the local community centre etc.

Date and Time: _____

Where: _____

- Don't forget to get permission from your Principal to carry out the petition!
- Prepare what you will say to people when you are asking them to sign your petition. e.g. 'Hello I am collecting signatures for a petition on.....Thank you'.

When petitioning it is important to be polite and courteous at all times, you're asking people to take time out of their day to offer support so make sure you can convince them of the importance of your petition.

Your introduction:

- Be polite and thank people for their time.

When organising it is important to consider if the person you're sending it to is in a position to do something about the issue:

- If you're organising a petition for your school it might be your principal.
- If it's for your local area you might want to target a local politician, a Local Councillor, TD or MEP etc.

