

How to Organise a Petition

What is a Petition?

Petitions can be a useful way to raise awareness or to get support for a particular issue. A petition is a document requesting someone take action about a particular cause and it is signed by numerous people in order to show support behind that cause. Read below for helpful tips on creating your petition:

Petition Heading:

Make sure you state 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*

Your Heading:

Explanation of issue:

When and where will you get the petition signed?

e.g. in the school, at the local shopping centre, in the local community centre etc.

1. Date: _____
2. Time: _____
3. Where: _____

Keeping in mind your audience

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. For example:

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



Think about 2 types of petitions you might create

1. Petition for: _____ To send to: _____
2. Petition for: _____ To send to: _____

Introducing your Petition

When petitioning, it is important to be polite and courteous at all times as 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.

Remember to:

- Be polite
- Explain what your petition is about
- Thank people for their time

Your introduction:

Helpful Tips

- When getting signatures for your petition, use a clipboard so that people have something to write on
- Make sure you practice explaining the issue beforehand so that when you are asked you can do so clearly!

