

DU Learning Guide

Getting things done

"Power to the people!"

What's it all about

If you want to get together with others to campaign for, or against, something, the Internet is an invaluable tool. Blogs and social networking sites are widely used for this purpose, both as a means of publishing opinions and information on a topic and to co-ordinate other action.

E-mail is also an effective way of contacting your MP or local councillors, and an online petition will help you make clear the extent of support for your cause.

Try this

The official website of the Prime Minister, www.pm.gov.uk, has an **E-petitions** facility.

- Type petitions.pm.gov.uk into the address bar of your browser
- Press the **Enter** key on your keyboard to display the **E-petitions** page

You can:

- Look at all the petitions that have been submitted
- Create your own petition
- Search for a petition on a particular topic
- See the five most recent and the five most popular open petitions, i.e. those with the most signatures



If you want to start your own petition, see our Guide **Start a petition**.

More websites to explore

They work for you

www.theyworkforyou.com

Find details of your local MP and of Members of the House of Lords and NI Assembly.

Write to them

www.writetothem.com

This site allows you to find your local MP, MEPs and councillors and send them a message.

iPetitions

www.ipetitions.com

An independent website where you can set up a petition for your cause.