

DU Learning Guide

Start a petition

What's it all about

If you are campaigning for a cause, whether it is local, national or world wide, you need to demonstrate the extent of support that you have to the people that you are seeking to influence. A traditional means of doing this was to gather signatures for a petition. An online petition allows you to do this on a far greater scale than would be possible for any but the biggest organisation. It also lets you build up a database of the e-mail addresses of those who support your cause, so that you can enlist their help, maybe to write to their MP or local councillor, or to attend a meeting, or even a protest march.

iPetitions is a website that lets you create your own petition, and gather data about the people who sign it.

Try this

Go to www.ipetitions.com

To start a petition you will need to Login.

The screenshot shows the iPetitions website homepage. At the top left is the logo 'ipetitions YOUR VOICE COUNTS' and the text 'Over 17 Million Signatures Collected'. At the top right, it says 'You are not logged in. Please [Log In](#) or [Register](#).' Below this is a blue banner with the text 'Your FREE petition in just minutes! Create a powerful online petition. Start now, and you'll be ready to collect thousands of signatures.' A callout box points to the 'Register' link in the top right, containing the text 'If you are not yet a member, click Register'. Below the banner is a large orange button that says 'Click Here to Start a Petition' and lists three steps: '1 Enter Petition Information', '2 Enter Your Information', and '3 You're Done!'. Below the button are two links: 'Take the iPetitions Tour' and 'Read Our Guide To Successful Petitions'. To the right of the button is a 'Browse Current Petitions' section with categories: 'Business and Industry', 'Environment and Wildlife', 'Media, Culture and Sports', 'Politics and Government', and 'Religion and Spirituality', with a 'More Categories >>' link at the bottom.

It's worth reading taking the iPetition Tour or reading the Guide for tips on how to make the best use of the site.

Register

The screenshot shows the registration form on the iPetitions website. It has a title 'REGISTER' and the following fields: 'Email address', 'First name', 'Last name', 'Your password', and 'Confirm password'. At the bottom of the form, it says 'Type the characters you see in the image. Note: It's case sensitive'.

The only information that you need to give is your name and an e-mail address.

You should read the privacy statement at the very bottom of the page to see what may be done with this information.

When you are satisfied that your personal information is safe, complete the form and click **Register** at the bottom of the page.

Create a Petition

Now check your email. You should have received a message with a link to a confirmation screen. Click Create a new petition.

What would you like to do now?

[Create a new petition](#): You can have y free and takes no technical knowledge

[Edit an existing petition](#): If you've alre customize your petition. You can chan blog entry, download your data - and n

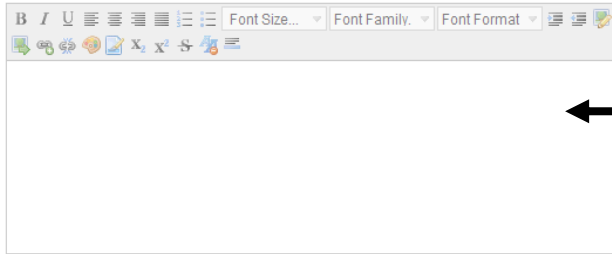
Create a petition

* Name

www.ipetitions.com/petitions/

* Title

* Petition text

A rich text editor interface with a toolbar containing icons for bold, italic, underline, bulleted list, numbered list, link, unlink, font size, font family, font format, and text color. Below the toolbar is a large empty text area for entering the petition text.

Create »

What you type here will form part of your petition's unique web address.

Type a title for your petition here.

This box is for your petition statement and can be up to 1000 words. You will be able to change this later if you want to.

Finally, click Create

Congratulations!

You have successfully added your iPetition. You can access it at:

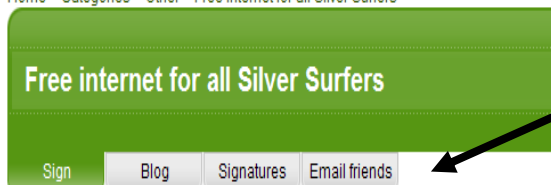
<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/silversurfers>

Click here to see your petition

Remember that you can change your petition settings, including th through [My Account](#) at any time. Thanks for hosting with iPetitions campaign!

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Home > Categories > Other > Free internet for all Silver Surfers

A green header banner with the text "Free internet for all Silver Surfers" in white. Below the banner are four buttons: "Sign", "Blog", "Signatures", and "Email friends".

Now you can start publicising it and collecting signatures.

The Petition