

Make the Welsh Government listen to you

We want to save people from drowning and do something about water safety

Ban greyhound racing in Wales

Save our fflecsi bwcabus service

Offer Welsh working parents the same financial support for childcare as England

Our road is a black spot for traffic accidents and we need safety measures

**Do you want to make things better where you live?
Are you angry about something that seems unfair?**

You can try to change things by sending a petition to the Senedd, the Welsh Parliament. Many of us don't think much about politics but the Senedd exists to make sure the Welsh Government represents you and listens to what you care about.

Members of the Senedd (MSs) look at petitions. Thanks to petitions, people have **changed the law**. One of the largest petitions ever in the UK was to give women the right to vote. More recently, a petition to improve water safety received more than 11,000 signatures and was debated in the Senedd. Thanks to the petition a Minister is now responsible for preventing drowning.

When a petition gets...

250 signatures

The petitions committee takes a close look to decide the best action. It can ask the government what they are doing about it.

10,000 signatures

The problem may be debated in the Senedd by MSs and a government minister who has to say what they're doing to help.

Staff may also contact petitioners to help MSs find out more about the petition.



How to start a petition and get it noticed



Good petitions say what they want parliament or government to do and explain why the petition matters.

Think of ONE action you want them to take. Then talk to other people about what your petition will say. This will help you describe the problem you care about and write your request as clearly as possible.

Find two people to support your petition. You'll need their emails.

Once your petition has been accepted, you will need to share it with as many people as possible and ask them to sign it.

Start your petition at:

petitions.senedd.wales/petitions/check.

To get your petition noticed:



Spread the word: tell people about your petition and explain why it's important - family, friends, community, church, social groups, local charities, businesses. Ask them to sign and ask people they know to sign.



Get others to help you: ask for help from good writers, speakers and social media users – all useful skills to help promote your petition.



Use social media: (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok) to connect with supporters who will sign and share your petition.



Run an event or activity: it could be a meeting, a sponsored walk or even a cake stall – anywhere where you can talk openly about your petition and why it matters.



Take photos: for social media and for sending to local media. Always ask permission first.



Contact your MS: you can find their details at senedd.wales/find-a-member-of-the-senedd/. Tell them about your petition. Ask to meet them to talk about how they can help.



Contact journalists: write to local newspapers and magazines and the nearest radio and TV stations. Tell them why you have started a petition, what you want the government to do, and about your events. They could tell the story behind your petition.

Start a petition to raise awareness of a problem you care about. For support, contact your local community organisation.