...create a photo petition

So You Want To

First, buy a whiteboard and write your base message in permanent marker (examples: I support global education because, #BecauseofSchool, etc). Write 5-6 example answers on the back of the whiteboard to show participants who can’t think of anything to write.

Schedule a meeting with your MoC for roughly 3 weeks later and tell them you have a petition you’d like to deliver. From there, make a calendar with the other members of your team and schedule 1-2 hour shifts with the whiteboard.

Now you can take some photos! Go to coffee shops, bus stops, your job, the quad, study rooms, the student center, sidewalks, your neighborhood/dorm, your classes, your roommates, yourself and make the ask.

The ask could look something like this: “Hi! My name is Annika and I work with an organization that fights poverty around the world. I’m helping out with a photo petition to try and get Senator/Representative/etc to pay attention to our cause. Can you write ___ and take a picture with the board to help us out? I understand if you don’t want your face in it, so I can take a photo of the words only.”

Note: Consider asking for name and email to expand your contact list.

Collect all of the photos on the same camera if possible, or have all cameras send it to one email account and make a blog of your hard work! You could also print these out and make a photo album/poster.

Tweet out pictures to the Rep/Senator in advance, if you can.

Present the photos at your meeting and try to get a picture of your MoC with your petition. Review “so you want to meet with your member of Congress” for more details.

Let us know how it went! Email GCE-US at info@gce-us.org