

GETTING SIGNATURES FOR THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY MANCHESTER PETITION

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1. **Work in pairs** if you can. It's much better for morale.
2. **Have two clipboards and pens/ signature sheets and lots of flyers per collector**, so that if you talk to two people they can save their time and yours by having them sign at the same time.
3. **Smile and make eye contact. Take breaks** whenever you need (marathon, not sprint).
4. **Accept** that some (many) people will assume you are a chugger or trying to convert them to something. Nobody said saving the world was easy
5. **Keep it simple.** You are collecting signatures, not explaining why BECCS is a fake solution
6. **Before** you hand them the clipboard and pen, **ask if they are eligible to sign.** They **MUST** live, work or study within Manchester City Council's boundaries, and give the address that relates to their eligibility.

1) "I live in Trafford and work in Salford. That's Manchester, right?"

"Sorry it's Greater Manchester. But take a flyer and encourage all your friends who live, work or study in Manchester itself to sign"








2) "I live in Salford, but work in Manchester City Centre. Can I give my home address?"

"No, it has to be the address that means your signature would be accepted."

3) "I want to sign, but I don't want to give you my home address."

"That's totally fine – please sign online – only the Council will see your address. Here's the flyer!"

7. **Check what they've written** ("1996 Leese Avenue, Manchester" is not good enough. Needs a suburb and a post code). "1996 Leese Avenue, Crumpsall M20 Y20" would be a valid address, if it existed.)

Name (please print)	Address including postcode if possible (This should be a clearly identifiable Manchester based address)	Signature	Do you Live, Work or Study in Manchester? (please indicate)	Valid? yes or no?	Reason
Joe Bloggs	3 Easy St, M4 6TQ		Live	✓	Full name, Manchester address and signature are clearly identifiable
J. Bloggs	3 Easy St, Ancoats		Work	✓	Full name, signature and an identifiable Manchester address is given
J. Bloggs	3 Easy St, M4		Study	✓	Full name, signature and an identifiable Manchester address is given
Joe	3 Easy St, M4 6TQ		Live	✗	Surname not given – so we can't be sure of who you are
J. Bloggs	3 Easy St		Work	✗	No postcode – we can't be sure this address is in Manchester
J. Bloggs	3 Easy St, M4 6TQ		Study	✗	No signature has been provided - we can't be sure this is you
J. Bloggs	Easy St, M4 6TQ		Live	✗	You haven't provided a full postal address – we can't be sure of where you live

It is much better to go slower and get more valid signatures than to go fast and have lots of rejected ones. Rejected signatures are serious morale suck for us, and also extra work for the poor Council person who has to try to figure out if we have 4000 signatures.

8. **Thank the people for signing.** Give them a flyer, encourage them to a) tell their friends and family they signed and b) get involved. **Under NO circumstances** ask for or accept phone numbers, email addresses, Twitter handles etc. They must contact us via petition@climateemergencymanchester.net or @ClimateEmergMcr

9. **Keep the completed sheets safe and secure.** As soon as a sheet is full, EITHER snailmail them to *Climate Petition c/o Patagonia, 51 King Street, Manchester M2 7AZ*
OR email us on petition@climateemergencymanchester.net and we will arrange collection asap.