



Adrian - Controlling cats through curfews

What was your goal and what have you achieved so far?

My aim was to get a less amount of cats on the streets in my local area and then slowly go world wide.

So this year I did a letterbox drop a few weeks ago and then basically I started a petition which is slowly getting signed, but it's slow progress due to other commitments.

I've spoken to people and I've sent an email out to students at my school, letters I've given out, and I've given them to my neighbours. I had a few teachers help, I had my parents help and they were editing letters and giving me advice about what I can put in the letter. Apart from that it was mostly me doing all of the hard work.

Next steps?

I haven't had a chance to put the petition in local shops yet, I'm probably going to put something up on the pinup board in my area, and a few other spots in the next couple of weeks.

Talking to Council is my next progress, and I'm also related to someone on the Parliament in the Greens so I might be able to speak to him too and he lives in Bridgewater.

Biggest success?

My biggest success would be getting the letter and petition out but it's slow progress – my neighbours who own the cats might not really want to do anything, but if the curfew does get put in and people do get fined then the cat owners would learn that it is a big issue.

Your advice to other students?

Go with it, do what your mind thinks. If you've been given advice it might not be stupid, it could be good advice, perhaps see what it's like, do it. Like I did a letter box drop, but if that doesn't work, go ahead with whatever you can think of.

What have you enjoyed most?

When I gave the letters out with my little brother, he was being a postie on his little bike riding up and down all the streets putting letters in letter boxes - he enjoyed that, that was probably my best experience seeing my brother having fun.

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Adrian's words and opinions.