

Running an Effective Table



Tabling is one of the most common methods of representing an organization. If done in a strategic location and following a few basic tips and tricks, it can be a fulfilling and exciting way to educate your community about population stabilization.

Utilizing a petition can take your table from education to action!

Crucial Tips:

- Be **ENTHUSIASTIC!**
- Take breaks when necessary, but stand as much as possible
- Get out in front of your table
- Engage people with body language as they approach you
- Smile and make eye contact
- Engage your contact by asking them a leading question:

Do you know how much global population grows every year?

- Review the Fact Sheet

Items for your Table:

- Petitions (don't forget PENS!)
- Handouts, usually a half sheet or leaflet
- Fact Sheets
- Table tent inviting Educators to use free K-12 curriculum from Population Education.
- *Population Connection*, our quarterly magazine
- Fun giveaways like pens, buttons, and more

All of these materials can be obtained by contacting engage@popconnet.org or visiting us at www.popconnect.org/getinvolved

Tabling Opportunities:

- Farmers' Markets
- Community Events
- Environmental Festivals
- Rallies and Marches

Sample Tabling Rap

Hi, do you have a minute to talk about population?

Great—check this out (place petition in their hands).

My name is _____ and I'm a volunteer with Population Connection. As you can see in our statement, family planning saves lives and is crucial to population stabilization. Yet 214 million women in the developing world would like to avoid pregnancy but aren't using modern contraception.

That's why we are calling on the U.S. government to increase funding for international family planning and reproductive health services. Can you sign the petition? If you give us your email or sign up for text messages we can send you more information.

Thanks!