



## 3.6 Speakers

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Thinking of inviting a speaker to talk at your university about refugees? But not sure who to invite or how to contact them?

You can ask:

1. Refugees you know locally who might be willing to speak
2. Local project's staff members or experienced volunteers
3. Lecturers at your university
4. National organisations with local offices, e.g. Refugee Council, Red Cross
5. STAR National Team, to speak or find a speaker

To help you decide who to approach, consider:

- Your chosen topic
- Level of detail suitable for your audience
- Are the speakers used to speaking to students or young people?
- Are they likely to be too busy?
- Do they live locally?
- Has anyone heard them speak who can recommend them?

### **1. Ask STAR National to find a speaker**

STAR National works with lots of refugee organisations and have contacts with an excellent range of speakers who are very willing to speak at STAR events.

Contact us with a date and topic in mind and we will try to find you a suitable speaker.

### **2. CARA (Council for Assisting Refugee Academics)**

CARA can provide a refugee academic to speak at your institution. This would be an individual who was forced to flee their country and abandon their academic work and now has UK refugee status.

CARA's refugee academics can speak about human rights and academic freedom violations in their home countries, the experience of upheaval and seeking refuge abroad, experience of the UK asylum process, and trying to re-integrate in the UK and into a UK higher education setting.

For more information on CARA please visit [www.academic-refugees.org](http://www.academic-refugees.org)

Contact STAR National if you would like to invite a speaker to your university.