



5.3 How to campaign with STAR

So what should you do if your STAR group want to campaign this year?

1. Read about the campaigns STAR is supporting

Go on the STAR website and check out the 'Campaigns' section. The STAR network is leading on campaigning for improved access to university and supports a few national campaigns that urgently need student support.

2. Pick a campaign you want to support

Think about which campaign you want to support, if there are potential partners at your university or locally and whether you already have some resources you can use. You can choose more than one campaign though you might want to focus on one at a time!

3. Find an action your group can take

Look on the website and see if there are any actions you can take straight away. If you're not sure contact STAR national for an update on this campaign and how you can best get involved.

4. Appoint a Campaign Coordinator

It's a great idea to appoint someone in your group to lead on campaigning – they can be responsible for keeping up to date, liaising with STAR national, doing research for the group and coordinate group events.

5. Keep up to date with any urgent actions

STAR National will occasionally send out urgent campaign actions by email – so stay ready and respond when we need you!

6. Tell us what you've done!

If you start campaigning then tell us what you've do!

Try to keep a record of everything you do, including meeting notes, timelines, petitions, publicity ideas, etc. Starting a '*Campaign Diary*' is a good way to keep track. You are unlikely to achieve everything in one year so will probably need to pass information on to the next Campaign Coordinator.

Feedback to STAR national your successes and reactions to your campaigns (e.g. response from MP) as this is vital information we need to collect to inform campaigning at a national level.