



6.1 Why Fundraise?

Your group can make a massive difference to the lives of refugees by raising money on campus for two causes:

1. To make sure STAR has enough money to continue it's vital work
2. To make sure your local refugee project has enough money to continue it's vital work

Funds for the STAR network

STAR is a major force in the refugee movement. Thousands of students make a huge difference to the lives of refugees in the UK by promoting positive images, volunteering at projects and campaigning for improved conditions. STAR needs money to pay for all the things that make that happen like:

- ★ working with policy makers, the media and other refugee organizations to change national policy for refugees
- ★ produce the resources we send to you at freshers so you can recruit more members
- ★ run the STAR conference where you learn about refugee issues and share ideas for more good work
- ★ training STAR members who volunteer with refugees
- ★ running STAR campaigns

STAR needs over £200,000 to run the network, the team at STAR national fundraise hard and we really need your help too.

Funds for your local work

Local refugee projects work with STAR to help refugees by providing things like English classes, destitution funds and advice. These things cost money and like STAR national the projects themselves fundraise hard and always welcome help from STAR groups.

Here we've included some advice on how to organise a fundraising event, also have a look at the Events Organisation section in this guide. If you want help with fundraising for your own group or a local refugee agency please contact the national team.

Main ways of getting money are:

1. **Holding fundraising events.**
2. **Apply for a grant as a society of your Students' Union.** Find out from your Societies Office/Students' Union how and when to apply for this.
3. **Collect membership fees at Freshers' Fair.** This will enable you to get your group up and running immediately.