



## Campaign Action 1

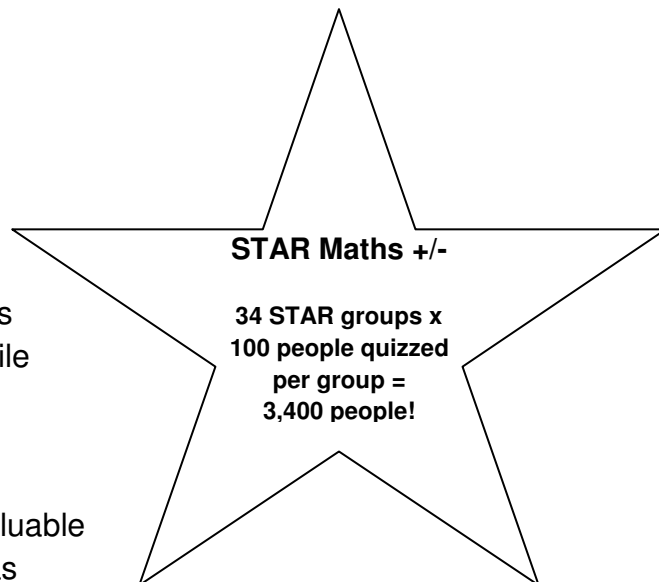
### Quiz the public

Get ready to quiz the public!

STAR needs your group to go out and get the evidence for the *first ever*, national survey on public attitudes to the destitution of asylum seekers.

We want to know if people agree with us on a few simple principles that will ensure that asylum seekers are not forced into extreme poverty or destitution while they are in the UK.

Doing the activity will help bust some myths and win support for the campaign. The results will be an invaluable campaigning tool for Still Human Still Here, as well as providing a resource for groups who want to lobby their local MP!



### 1. The Quiz

The STAR Action Week quiz is designed to test people's knowledge of refugee issues in the UK and give them an opportunity to tell us what they think about current policies which force asylum seekers into extreme poverty and destitution.

It is split into 3 easy steps, which should take 1 minute each.

#### *Part 1. The Quiz*

Ask them 5 quick questions to test their knowledge of refugee issues in the UK

#### *Part 2. The Facts*

Give them a chance to check their answers and learn some facts about refugees in the UK

#### *Part 3. The Survey*

Now they're clued up on the facts, see which statements they agree with to stop the impoverishment and destitution of asylum seekers in the UK.

Make sure you note down people's answers for Part 1 *and* Part 3.

The quiz sheet has a tear off top with information about STAR on one side, and the answers to the quiz on the back. Give this to the person who has taken part.

The bottom of the quiz sheet allows you to record the participant's answers to the quiz in Part 1 and the survey in Part 3. **Make sure you keep these somewhere safe!**

You will need to keep a record of these to pass on to STAR national, as well as for use for your own group when you meet with your MP. Make sure you keep the hard copies, as well as typing up your results in a spreadsheet.

## 2. Get people to participate!

We've made the STAR Action Week Quiz fun and interesting, but it's up to you to make it even better! Here are some suggestions:

- ★ Encourage people to do the quiz with you by offering a **prize** if they get 3 or more answers right. This could be a cupcake, a packet of magic stars or a badge...
- ★ Set yourself up somewhere **obvious** to do the quiz. A stall outside the library with some lovely STAR balloons should do the trick!
- ★ Ask **other societies** if they will let you do the quiz at the start of their next meeting
- ★ **Practice** getting people to do the quiz by asking your friends and have a quick one-liner ready up your sleeve to entice people over, e.g. '3 minutes, 1 cupcake, 5 quick questions on refugees!'
- ★ Hook up with a local **pub quiz** and get them to hold the quiz as a round.
- ★ **Get creative!** Instead of asking people which statements they agree with on the quiz sheet for *Part 3: Have Your Say*, why not write them on big poster or banner and get people to sign, handprint or tick the statements they agree with? But don't forget to keep them somewhere safe!

## 3. National Follow-up: national destitution dossier

To make sure your results have the maximum impact, don't forget to type them up and share them with STAR national! We'll put all your results together to form Britain's first ever national destitution dossier for Still Human Still Here.

Please send your results by **March 1<sup>st</sup>** to [campaigns@star-network.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@star-network.org.uk).

## 4. Local Follow-up: meet your MP!

In April 2012, a decision will be taken on whether to increase asylum support rates in line with inflation, and we need to make sure that issues of poverty and destitution are high up the agenda. STAR needs you to go and meet with your MP after Action Week and tell them what happened, and why we think the Government should do more to support asylum seekers in the UK. This is your chance to discuss the results of your survey and raise your concerns face-to-face!

STAR national has organised two training sessions with Mike Kaye from Still Human Still Here on 'How to Lobby MPs, How to Influence Change' to this effect which will take place on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March** in London and **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March** in Leeds.

If your group would like to lobby your MP as part of STAR you **MUST** attend one of these training sessions. This is to ensure that STAR presents a coherent message, which will help us to achieve the changes we want to see.

At the training, each participating STAR group will receive a comprehensive step-by-step Guide to lobbying your MP.