

# 10. After graduation

## A Leaving university this year? We still need you!

### f Why should I become a Friend of STAR?

If you've been involved in STAR at university then becoming a Friend is a great way to stay involved! STAR provides desperately needed support to refugees and asylum seekers across the UK.

*We could not exist without the financial support of Friends of STAR.*

Join as a Friend of STAR and support us in empowering young people, changing attitudes, welcoming refugees and really making a difference...

### e What do I get out of it?

You can continue to read and hear about what groups are doing and support campaigns with quarterly newsletters and updates. You can also be involved in STAR's work to support refugees and asylum-seekers everywhere through national events, activities. Over the years Friends of STAR has built up a valuable network of ex STAR members working in the refugee and charity sector. Keep in touch at STAR Friends reunions. Through becoming a *Friend of STAR* you can make a contribution to the work of your group and others around the UK.

### r How much does it cost?

From as little as £2 a month you'll:

- ★ receive a quarterly STAR newsletter
- ★ have the opportunity to meet other Friends at unique events
- ★ receive campaign news and updates
- ★ provide STAR with vital financial support, enabling STAR groups to continue their work with refugees and asylum seekers across the UK.

### a Where will my money go?

The National Office supports all groups with ideas, training and resources, links to local and national refugee agencies and brings students together at the National Conference. This all costs money but a little goes a long way:

- £10 is enough to deliver a freshers fair box packed full of materials to a STAR group – with the potential to communicate the message that refugees and asylum seekers need and deserve our support.
- £20 pays for one week's communication that keeps the STAR network alive and vibrant.

### t How do I sign up?

An application form can be found in the Appendix of this guide. Please complete and return it to STAR, 3 Bondway, Vauxhall, London, SW8 1SJ.

*"STAR is one of the few bright features in the landscape on the subject of refugees, and...is one of the things which makes me feel I live in a country of which I can still be proud."*

**Earl Russell, Friend of STAR, June 2002**

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