

11. Resources

Useful organisations to know about

Amnesty International

www.amnesty.org.uk

Asylum Aid

www.asylumaid.org.uk

Campaigns and lobbies for refugee & asylum rights, particularly for refugee women

Asylum Rights Campaign

www.asylumrights.org

National network of asylum campaigning organisations

British Red Cross Society

www.redcross.org.uk

Provide family tracing services and orientation programmes across the UK

Commission for Racial Equality

www.cre.gov.uk

Council for Assisting Refugee Academics (CARA)

www.academic-refugees.org

Helps refugees with academic backgrounds reestablish themselves in the UK

European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)

www.ecre.org

Provides information on refugee statistics and legislation across Europe

Immigration Advisory Service (IAS)

www.iasuk.org

Provider of advice and representation on immigration, asylum and nationality law. Offices nationwide

Information Centre about Asylum seekers and Refugees in the UK (ICAR)

www.icar.org.uk

Provides independent research on asylum seekers and refugees in the UK

International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

www.iom.int

Provides voluntary return programmes for refugees and asylum seekers

Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI)

www.jcwi.org.uk

Campaigns for justice in asylum policy

More useful websites are listed on the Resources page of the STAR web site www.star-network.org.uk

Media Wise Trust

www.mediawise.org.uk

Supports refugee journalists through the Refugees and the Media (RAM) Project

Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture

www.torturecare.org.uk

Provide support and treatment for victims of torture nationwide

National Coalition of Anti Deportation Campaigns (NCADC)

www.ncadc.org.uk

A network linking campaigns against individual deportation cases

Northern Refugee Centre

www.refugee.org.uk

For information on further resources for asylum seekers and refugees in the North of England

Poppy Project

www.poppy.ik.com

Assistance for victims of trafficking

Refugee Action

www.refugee-action.org.uk

Support and advice for refugees and asylum seekers. Offices nationwide

Refugee Assessment & Guidance Unit (RAGU)

www.londonmet.ac.uk/ragu/home.cfm

Supporting refugees with academic backgrounds into qualifications and employment

Refugee Council

www.refugeecouncil.org.uk

Support and advice for asylum seekers. Offices nationwide

Refugee Studies Centre

www.rsc.ox.ac.uk

Research body

UNHCR, UK Branch Office

www.unhcr.org.uk

UK branch of UN agency involved in asylum policy issues, refugee law training and raising awareness of refugee issues/UNHCR's work overseas.



STAR Resource & Training request form

Use this form if your STAR group would like to book a free STAR training session, or order free resources from STAR.

Please return this form to: students@star-network.org.uk

Your name:
Your STAR group:

STAR Resources

1. Please select which STAR resources you want to order

Resource description	How many would you like?
About STAR leaflet	
STAR asylum games sheet	
STAR quarterly newsletter	
STAR banner	
STAR asylum balloon game	
STAR Groups guide	
STAR guide to campaigning	

2. Please tell us the postal address where you would like us to send the resources to:

STAR Training workshops

1. Please select the training session you would like to book

Workshop title	Duration	Description	We would like to book this workshop
The asylum process & how it works	60 – 90 mins	What happens to an asylum seeker when they claim asylum in the UK? Find out here	
Running a successful STAR group	90 – 120 mins	Tried & tested tips on raising interest in your group & being the best society on campus!	
How to campaign effectively	90 mins	From lobbying your MP to demos; all the aspects of winning campaigns locally	
How to raise awareness of refugee issues in schools and colleges	90 – 180 mins	Journey to Safety is an activity where young people explore the issues facing refugees. This workshop runs through the activity & provides advice & guidance on raising awareness with young people in fun & effective ways.	

2. Please tell us an E mail address we can contact you on:

3. Do you have any particular dates when you would like to have the training session?

Thank you! On receiving your booking, the STAR national office will contact you

STAR Model Press Release



Note to Picture Editors: **photo call, 4:00pm**
Mock Casino, wheel of fortune with stewards in black tie.

Venue: **St Stephen's Entrance, Houses of Parliament, SW1 OAA**

Date of event: Tuesday 25th May 2006, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Details: Name, Job Title. STAR Office: 020 7820 3006
Home: 020 *** **** Email info@star-network.or.uk Mobile: 04325 *** **

Students spin the wheel of fortune!

On Tuesday 25th May between 3:00 – 5:00pm, University of London students from “STAR” (Student Action for Refugees) will be running a mock casino with a “Wheel of Fortune” outside the St Stephen's Entrance to the Houses of Parliament. This is taking place as part of the **Lobby of Parliament to oppose the Immigration and Asylum Bill**.

Part of the group's awareness raising activities about the plight of refugees and asylum seekers in the UK, students from STAR aim to let the public know what the reality of this Bill will be for people seeking refuge in this country.

The colourful “Wheel of Fortune”, with STAR members drumming up custom for their “**Asylum Casino**”, represents the lottery that people fleeing persecution will face under the new legislation. The game cards people receive, depending on where the wheel stops, each have examples of the extreme difficulties and poverty people will face when these proposals come into effect. There will be free gingerbread people to give out to passers-by who will be spinning the wheel and taking their chance on fortune, much as asylum seekers will have to do under the new Bill's plans.

The **Coalition for Asylum and Immigration Rights (CAIR)** has been coordinating opposition to the Immigration and Asylum Bill and has called this **lobby of Parliament** seeking to influence the final House of Commons debate. Running along side this is a **public meeting**, in The Grand Committee Room, with speakers including Diane Abbott MP and the President of the National Union of Students, along with representatives from The Refugee Council.

****Named** spokesperson for STAR said:** “This is a major piece of legislation that contains a number of elements of grave concern. In particular the virtually cashless system of support, which will be much more costly and cumbersome to administer than a return to benefits, will cause more havoc and suffering for people who have already been through a great deal.”

***Name*, National Assembly Against Racism,** said: “The voucher system and dispersing asylum seekers all over the country will create a socially excluded group who will become the targets of racists, neo-Nazis and xenophobes. The government's own analysis is that social exclusion leads to racism, violence and crime, yet it proposes to place an extremely vulnerable group of people in just this position. We oppose this bill utterly.”

STAR (Student Action for Refugees) is a unique and dynamic student organisation devoted exclusively to refugee issues.

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YES! I want to be a *FRIEND* of STAR!

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PERMANENT Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ PERMANENT Email: _____

University: _____

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Signature

Your bank name and address

Postcode

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THANK YOU

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Icebreakers

Good games to get people relaxed and having fun at meetings

In my shoes

Everyone stands in a circle and takes it in turn to describe a time when something exciting, funny, embarrassing... happened to them in the shoes they are wearing

Name volleyball

Use this in a group that has never met before. Everyone stands in a circle. A ball is thrown from one person to another, but the thrower must shout their name before they throw the ball. After a short time the thrower has to shout not their own name but rather the name of the person they are throwing the ball to.

Likes

Everyone sits on chairs in a circle with one person standing in the middle. The person in the middle starts the game by saying, for example 'everybody move who is wearing jeans'. All those in jeans must then swap places and the person in the middle must try to take a place on a chair, which means that someone else will then be in the middle. The game is repeated with different suggestions to get people moving and swapping places.

Evolution

Everyone begins as an 'egg', so people have to pretend to be an egg. Find another egg and play 'rock, paper, scissors' with the other egg. Whoever wins gets to 'evolve' into a chicken, so now the chickens have to pretend to be chickens. Whoever loses remains an egg. Then the chickens must find other chickens in order to play rock, paper, scissors. The eggs must play with other eggs. Whoever wins evolves. Whoever loses devolves. The loser between two chickens will become an egg again. The winner will become a dinosaur and pretend to be that. Loser eggs remain eggs.

Tangle

Everyone stands in a circle with their eyes closed and their arms outstretched. All walk forward and grab two hands from the other side of the circle. You should to grab different people's hands. Everyone opens their eyes and the group finds itself in a great big knot! The aim is to untangle the knot, but working as a team and climbing over/under arms in the way etc.