

Some other events to keep in mind

Community Service Volunteers Make a Difference Day – 27th Oct 07 – www.csv.org.uk

One World Week – 21st – 28th October 2007 – www.oneworldweek.org

Student Volunteering Week – Feb – www.studentvol.org.uk; www.studentvolscotland.org.uk

Fair-trade Fortnight – March – www.fairtrade.org.uk

Refugee Week – June – www.refugeeweek.org.uk

World Refugee Day – June – www.un.org

Examples of one off activities STAR groups have done in the past...

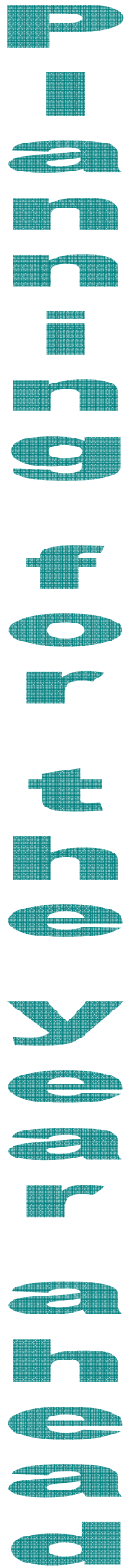
- Winter clothes and/or food collection outside uni halls at the end of term
- Setting up an immigration desk outside the SU with gobbledygook immigration forms (**contact the STAR National Office if you would like a template form**)
- Student opinion poll for the uni newspaper
- 'Swim in the sea for a refugee' fundraiser
- STAR shaped biscuits given out whilst leafleting, or as part of a cake sale with 'recommended donations'
- Mock refugee camp/detention centre on campus (**free UNHCR refugee camp tarpaulins are available. Contact STAR National Office for more details**)
- Being a refugee 'Wheel of Fortune' or Snakes and Ladders
- Petition on campus, with the results sent to your local MP
- MP letter writing parties or banner painting parties
- Sleep outs
- Christmas card campaign/fundraiser
- Living on £5 per week + a small bag of food to highlight poverty issues
- Living like a destitute asylum seeker to highlight destitution issues
- Comedy / music / speed dating fundraiser nights
- Street theatre in collaboration with the amateur dramatics soc
- Refugee film festival / photo exhibition

Creating an activities budget and accessing Union funds

Your Student's Union is there to provide some funding to union societies. But in order for them to provide you with money they need to know how much you need and what you need it for and they will need to know in advance!

How much money is available for societies and when it's available will vary from union to union. Most Students Unions require societies to submit a budget for the next academic year at the end of the current academic year. Speak to your Societies Sabbatical Officer or similar to find out your unions' own funding requirements and timings. But remember you can never be too early to check.

Once you have a rough outline of your activities you can use it to create a rough budget. Your budget doesn't need to be 100% accurate. A well thought out and well guessed budget will do.



Your Budget Checklist

ACTION	DONE
Have you included £50 for the STAR affiliation fee?	
Have you included the cost of members travel to / from STAR National Conference?	
Have you included the costs of members travel to / from Summer Training?	
Do any of your activities require stationary costs such as printing or photocopying?	
Do any of your activities require equipment / room hire?	
Are there any other events that require travel costs?	
Are there any extraordinary costs? E.g. are you planning a one off activity with clients from your volunteering project?	

And finally...

Is your budget realistic?

