

A NEW National Campaign for STAR!



STAR campaign consultation: 28th April – 28th May 2008

- ☆ STAR will be launching a new national campaign to coincide with the start of the new university year in September 2008 and to run for 1 academic year
- ☆ In 2007/8 – where the STAR network united under the Still Human Still Here campaign banner – a consistent and united approach meant that we reached over 7000 people with campaign messages. STARs involvement in the Still Human Still Here campaign will be ending in June. We want to repeat this success in 2008/9 with a brand new campaign
- ☆ We want to hear which topic members of STAR think is of greatest importance and where the STAR network can achieve the greatest change. Remember, STAR members will be campaigning on this topic next year. This is your chance to influence the decision.
- ☆ Your opinions and feedback will influence which campaign is chosen for 2008/9

What have we done so far?

Over the past year, the STAR National Support Office has collected information from STAR members about the issues affecting refugees and asylum seekers of greatest concern locally. STAR has consulted representatives of organisations who work for refugees and as a result has identified 3 possible topics for a national campaign.

How your group can participate in the campaign consultation

STARs National Support Office has prepared 3 potential campaign topic proposals and is seeking to gather the views of all STAR members about the relative merits of each. The views of **all** STAR members are important.

First – gather your views on the campaign proposals

1. Hold a group meeting focussing on the next campaign – Enclosed are notes to guide you in discussing the 3 campaign proposals, as well as the proposals themselves
2. The STAR NSO team &/or your Regional Coordinator are really keen to hold a group meeting with you. Please contact us to arrange a visit: students@star-network.org.uk; 0208 980 7036

Second - feedback your findings to the STAR National Support Office & the network:

1. Email STARs New Campaign Coordinator – Celia – at campaigns@star-network.org.uk. All group feedback will be collated and made available on the STAR website
2. Share your thoughts with the rest of the network by logging into STARs new online forum at www.star-network.org.uk/forum - Please note that the forum is a members only area. All known STAR group committee members are registered users. Please Email us if you are not registered and would like to be – students@star-network.org.uk
3. Give STARs New Campaign Coordinator, Celia a call! 0208 980 7036

How the final campaign decision will be made and how you can participate

On 28th May the STAR National Office team, Board of Trustees and representatives from STAR groups will meet to make the final campaign decision. The decision will be made based on your feedback, the popularity of each topic and the pros and cons of each proposal.

STAR is looking for members from across the STAR network to represent the STAR network at the campaign decision meeting in May. If you would like to participate in this important strategic meeting then please contact us at students@star-network.org.uk

The meeting will be held from 6 – 9pm on Wednesday 28th May at the STAR National Support Office in London. All reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred through participating will be reimbursed.