

STAR Campaigning



The Student Action for Refugees (STAR) network campaigns together to improve the lives of refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

National Campaigns

Equal Access

Asylum seekers do not have the same right to university education as their British born peers. As a student network STAR believes that this is wrong and that we are uniquely placed to correct this injustice.

STAR is leading a campaign to ensure that asylum seekers have Equal Access to higher education.

OutCry!

The OutCry! campaign demands an end to the immigration detention of children seeking asylum. STAR is supporting Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID) and The Children's Society to ensure the UK no longer locks up children who came for protection.

Still Human Still Here

The Still Human Still Here campaign highlights the plight of tens of thousands of refused asylum seekers who are being forced into abject poverty in an attempt to drive them out of the country. STAR is working with organisations such as Amnesty and Refugee Action to end destitution.

Let Them Work

The Let Them Work campaign is dedicated to promoting the right to work for asylum seekers to allow them to support themselves. STAR is working with organisations such as Refugee Council, TUC and Brighter Futures.

Campaigning Strategy

1. Campaigning for Refugees & Asylum Seekers

STAR campaigns for refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

Many Government policies are very damaging to people who are seeking protection in this country. Such as the barriers to higher education, the use of detention, the denial of the right to work and the enforced destitution of those not granted refugee status.

The STAR network challenges these policies and campaigns for change.

2. Campaigning Together

The STAR network campaigns together on the key issues where we can be most effective.

STAR has thousands of dedicated and creative activists demanding that our Government changes the policies that harm those who come to the UK for protection.

Working together as a network gives us the capacity to make a difference.

3. Campaigning Partnerships

STAR members are a key part of the movement advocating for refugees.

STAR National works with other organisations who also want to improve conditions for refugees to make our campaigning really effective, e.g. Amnesty UK, Refugee Council and the Children's Society.

This means that STAR members become part of something even bigger and combine their skills with expert campaigners.

4. Campaigning Focus

Campaigning is the highest profile activity of STAR. To be effective it is important to maintain clear and focused messages. As a charity STAR also has a legal responsibility to campaign only on those issues that are stated as our charitable objectives.

Each STAR group planning a campaign not supported by the STAR network must discuss this with the STAR national team.