

Join the STAR network!



What is STAR?

STAR (Student Action for Refugees) is the national network of student groups working to improve the lives of refugees in the UK by:

- ★ promoting positive images of refugees
- ★ volunteering for local refugee projects
- ★ campaigning for better conditions for refugees

STAR groups are independently constituted student union societies, they must affiliate to the national STAR network to use the STAR name and logo. The STAR network is co-ordinated and financed by the STAR national charity.

How do you join?

To join the STAR network and be part of the national student movement working with refugees you need to:

- ★ Register as a society at your students' union or university
- ★ Affiliate to the STAR national charity annually

To affiliate to STAR national please:

1. Email students@star-network.org.uk telling us of your intention to start a STAR group.
2. Two committee members must sign a paper copy of the Affiliation Agreement (see next page) and return it to the STAR national office.

How much will it cost?

Nothing ☺ because STAR national fundraise for all the resources, but please do your best to help by fundraising for STAR national throughout the year and by telling us about your achievements so we can show the funders that their money is being well spent!

Affiliation Agreement 2010



STAR groups get:

- ★ to use the STAR name and logo
- ★ free materials to promote your group and refugees, e.g. banners, books, leaflets
- ★ free training on running STAR activities including Committee Training in June and Volunteer Coordinator Training in January
- ★ assistance, direction and advice on volunteering and campaigning with refugees from the experienced national team
- ★ the opportunity to join with other students to campaign nationally for refugees
- ★ a say in the direction of STAR including a vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the National Conference
- ★ to promote your group on the STAR website
- ★ discounts for the National Conference in November and on STAR merchandise

STAR groups are required to:

- ★ read the 'STAR Group Guide' and keep to the requirements
- ★ call the society "[University Name] STAR (Student Action for Refugees)"
- ★ use the STAR name only for activities within STAR's core objectives:
 - ✓ Promoting positive images of refugees in the UK
 - ✓ Volunteering to support refugees in partnership with established local organisations to ensure the safety and effectiveness of the volunteering
 - ✓ Campaigning for refugees in the UK according to STAR's Campaign Strategy
- ★ share information with STAR national and the network about your group activities
- ★ submit contact details for new committee members and update us on any changes
- ★ notify the national team if you are planning on engaging the media or applying for funding
- ★ use STAR's charity number only when fundraising for the STAR national charity

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I confirm that I have read and agree to the Affiliation Agreement on behalf of STAR

Signature 1: Chair / President

Print name:
Signature:
Date:

Signature 2: Committee Member

Print name:
Signature:
Date:

Please sign and return to: **STAR, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, Bethnal Green, London E2 6HG**

Please also keep one copy for your group and submit one to your Students' Union Societies Officer.

If you have any queries please call James Fisher (Student Network Co-ordinator) on 020 7729 8880.