STAR’s Constitution 16/17

**Name**: St. Geroge’s Student Action for Refugees (STAR)

**Do you think you are a Club, Society or Community Project?**

Society classification: Community Project

**Committee** Form Attached 🗹

**Constitution** Attached 🗹

**Accurate Numbers**

Active: 70

Non-Active: 30

**Finances**

**Do you charge a subscription fee?**

Not currently, but we are aware of the SU stipulation to do so and are looking into the charging of a nominal fee.

**Do you have a group bank account?**

Only our account within the SU account.

**Do all your monies go through the SU bank account?**

We run the project with the Klevis Kola Foundation (KKF), a charity set up by St George’s alumni who were involved with STAR during their time here. KKF is ultimately responsible for the financing of the projects, but the student group also does its own fundraising and so some of the monies go through the STAR account within the SU.

**If you could have more money, what would you spend it on?**

Providing more activities, equipment and trips for the kids.

**Do you have any advertising or sponsorship deals?**

No.

**Activities**

This is a breakdown of our events during the academic year with dates, location and purpose of each event.

Main Projects which run throughout the year

1. After-school club: Tuesday 6-7.30pm at St. Nicholas Church, Mitcham Road
2. Youth Club: Thursday 6.30-8.30pm at Furzedown Youth Centre
3. Mentoring: 38 mentors on the project who visit children at their homes for about 2 hours every week
4. STAR FC (Thursdays, Sunday and some Mondays): Training and matches
5. Intergration and Advocacy projects: Monthly coffee monrnings for the mums of the familes plus ad-hoc events depending on the needs of the time

One-off trips

1. Christmas trips: Day trips for the different age groups i.e. ice skating, cinema
2. Easter trips: Similar to above
3. Annual holiday: 3 day camoping trip for the kids in mid-May
4. Summer Scheme (two weeks at the end of August): Day trips every day for the kids in the different age groups

Fundraising Events

1. Bake sales one a term (around SGUL)
2. Music Revue (19 Nov, Monkton Lecture Theatre)
3. Battle of the Bands (7 Dec, Tram & Social)
4. STAR Week (tbc)

Raising Awareness

1. Advocacy Project: Seminars run once/twice termly on refugee issues

Volunteering Training

1. General training: 9Nov TR31
2. Mentoring 11Nov: TR31
3. Mentoring 14 Nov: BR2

Main risks involved: With respect to activities involving the children, lack of volunteers can pose problems.

Socials

Here is a breakdown of our socials during the academic year with dates, location and purpose of each event.

1. Termly meal for volunteers at after-school/youth club (local curry house usually)
2. Annual Social for all the volunteers on all the projects (tbc)

Main risks involved: None.

**Do you use the minibus?**

No.

**Would you like to use it (more)?**

Yes, it would be useful to use it for the trips, allowing us to save funds by having to hire fewer minibuses from an external organisation.

**What Positions on Exec do you have most contact with?**

VP Finance & Operations, Community Project Officers

**Do you have any close relationships with external Bodies such as NUS, ULU, BUCS, Medsin etc?**

STAR National and the Klevis Kola Foundation

**Are you affiliated with anyone?**

STAR National

**If so how much does it cost?** £0

**Do you raise money for charity?**

Yes

**Do you have any involvement in the local community?**

Yes

**Do you have any strong links with any other SU group?**

We have worked with the Music Society, Spectrum, Teddy Bear Hospital, Heritage2Health and the Global Health Forum

**Do you have any staff involvement?**

Yes (Pat Hughes, Margot Turner, Sam Redhead)

**Do you have involvement from people outside of St Geroge’s?**

Yes: Our volunteers are drawn from St Geroge’s students and from the local community

**Do you have any alumni ativities?**

Alumni set up the Klevis Kola Foundation with which we work very closely.. These alumni are still heavily involved with the day-today running of the projects

**What assets does the group possess?**

Equipment for acitivites at the after-scholl club and youth club i.e. games, stationary, sports equipment

**Do you keep any recors/archives/heritage items?**

Yes, we have details of past correspondence and information about volunteers as well as materials used for activities for the kids. There are also shared policies for the delivery of the projects (e.g. Child Protection Behaviour Policy etc.)

**Do you have a website?**

The best source of information about our activities is the Klevis Kola Website: <http://www.kleviskola.org>. We also have a page under the community projects section of the St George’s SU website.

*Management: KKF*

**Do you have a specific email address?**

starsgul@googlemail.com

**Do you sell tickets to your events?**

Yes (for fundraising events)

**Do you take part in the annual SU awards?**

Yes

**Do you think the SU helps you as much as possible?**

See below. In reality, due to the size and specialise nature of our projects we receive a lot more help from the Klevis Kola foundation than from the SU.

**What could the SU do better to support you?**

SU personnel are generally helpful when I have gone in person, but many visits could have been spared by more information given up front e.g. getting set up with the room booking system, printing code, getting up-to-date balance, knowing about notice required for getting a cash float etc.

Unfortunately, whilst assistance is provided with fundraising events and administrative jobs (e.g. printing posters) the SU seems unable to be able to provide much support for our core activities, i.e. providing services to the children. It would be good to be able to hold activities for the children in SGUL.

**Is there anything else you like to tell us about?**

STAR works with KKF to provide, run and maintain all the projects mentioned above. KKF is a registered charity. This is explained in the memorandum of understanding between STAR and KKF, already submitted to the VP Finance & Operations.

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