



STARS

Student Training Awards and Recognition Scheme



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WHAT IS STARS?

The Student Training and Recognition Scheme (STARS) is an accreditation scheme designed to recognise well-run, inclusive and fun student groups. LSESU have been working hard this semester to completely re-vamp the way STARS is done. The criteria has been split into sections that represent the values of how an LSESU student group should run. There is still three standards of awards – Bronze, Silver and Gold – and there are still multiple winners for each category, but we have re-set the criteria so it's more clear and accessible to complete and set specialist criteria that's specific to the category your student group fits in. You only complete one specialist criteria.

WHY TAKE PART?

STARS is a great way of showing new and existing LSE students how active your society is and why they SHOULD become a member. By taking part in STARS, you are building a legacy for your student group to show the hard work you have done to achieve the level of award you can, whether it's Bronze, Silver or Gold, this sets the bar for any future committee to take the group even further. Not only does it improve the status of your society to LSE students, but it is a great way of pitching your groups' success to potential sponsors you are hoping to reach out to. If sponsors can see that you are an accredited society, this will work in your favour to secure sponsorship.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

To be awarded a STAR award you must be able to provide evidence of how your student group has achieved the criteria listed below. The level of STAR you earn will equate to the number of points you have gained for the criteria listed below. You must provide evidence for the criteria that you have completed and this will be approved by the LSESU support staff, based on the strength and validity of your evidence. The total amount of points that can be earned is 85 across all categories. The minimum points earned for each award are:

- ★ **Bronze Award - 40**
- ★ **Silver Award - 55**
- ★ **Gold Award - 75**



HOW CAN YOU SUBMIT EVIDENCE?

Applications for submitting evidence will open on the **1st February** and you will need to submit one application, using a form that will be made accessible on the Committee Hub and emailed to all Presidents. When completing the application, you must include detailed evidence (including pictures) of how you have achieved this. Applications will be open until the **14th March** for Societies, as we understand that so much activity takes place in Lent term, this offers you over one month to submit your applications for review. Anything submitted after this time won't be taken forward. All STAR awards will be announced at the SU awards on Monday **30th March** at the Societies awards. Sports teams will have an amended date for submitting applications as dependent on the date of the AU Ball.

REWARDS

BRONZE

- Committee Certificates
- Premium Bronze edited theme on your LSESU society page
- Bronze winner society shout-out
- Bronze website badge

SILVER

- Committee Certificates
- Society Spotlight post
- Premium silver edited theme on your LSESU society page
- Silver website badge

GOLD

- Physical award at the Societies Awards & AU Ball
- Committee Certificates
- Society Spotlight
- Buzzfeed top 10 LSESU societies article
- Premium Gold edited theme on your LSESU society page
- Website badge



CRITERIA

COMMUNITY

1. Complete a Volunteering Centre reflection Form **(2pt)**
2. Attend a one-off session with the Volunteering Centre **(2pts)**
3. Organise one fundraising event for a charity or your student group in each term, for example, this could be a fundraising stall or a charity fundraiser with another group **(3pts)**
4. Endorse an elections candidate in either the Michaelmas or Lent Term elections **(4pts)**
5. Represent LSESU by working with an external organisation or charity that supports the local community or global issues. **(4pts)** For example, work with the volunteering centre to gain volunteering experience in the community

COLLABORATION

1. Take part in a Student Union campaign, for example, host an activity during This Girl Can week or Black History Month **(3pts)**
2. Deliver an event with another student group, for example, if you are a career society then work with a special interest/academic society **(3pts)**
3. Collaborate with an external organisation on an activity/topic that will benefit your members **(4pts)** - for example, this could be a networking event or a guest speaker talk
4. Develop a health or well-being initiative, for example, organise an event through the Active Lifestyle programme **(5pts)**



INCLUSION

1. Host a Give it a Go event in either Michaelmas term or Lent term **(3pts)**
2. Host at least one open social or inclusive social event with your members, - for example, non-alcoholic social or an event open to all LSE students **(3pts)**
3. Host one event that targets under engaged student communities into your activity *(why don't you collaborate with one of our Liberation Networks or Part Time Officers)* **(4pts)**
4. Conduct proactive learning/educational opportunities for your members to make positive, inclusive changes to your student group **(5pts)**
5. Introduce a **'Buddy or Peer Mentoring'** scheme in your group **(5pts)** - This can be led by any committee position in your group, or create one to monitor this throughout the year

INFORMED

1. All committee members to have completed all compulsory training modules and admin rights granted **(2pts)**
2. Promote your group form on Committee Hubs. **(3pts)**
3. Your student group has completed their annual development plan and had at least one development meeting with the relevant Union Coordinator **(4pts)** - this doesn't include attending a drop in session.
4. Collect feedback from members that influences the direction of your group **(4pts)** - this can be at any point of the year and can be used in your hand-over
5. Maintain an up-to-date page on the LSESU website and have an active online presence on at least two digital platforms **(4pts)** - for example, newsletters, blogs, social media.
6. Completed one or more aims from your groups' development plan **(3pts)**
7. Create a hand-over document for the next committee members **(5pts)** - make sure to include your groups' social media and passwords!



SPECIALIST

ACADEMIC

1. Organise a collaborative activity/event/trip between the society and the course (you could use the SSLC reps to help organise this) **(3pts)**
2. Provide feedback to your SSLC rep about your course to be taken to the Senior Leadership Team **(4pts)**
3. Collaborate with an LSE department on a society project or event **(3pts)**

ARTS & PERFORMANCE

1. Organise a show or workshop open to all LSE students **(3pts)**
2. Get involved with the Creative Network (e.g. an event in collaboration with the Creative Network or Festival of Creativity) **(4pts)**
3. Create a show-reel or portfolio to promote your group **(4pts)**

ACTIVITY & SPECIAL INTEREST

1. Organise a public competition, performance or showcase that is open to all LSE students and the public **(3pts)**
2. Organise a collaborative event with LSESU (either through the Three Tuns or Wind Down Wednesday) **(3pts)**
3. Provide an additional skill based learning opportunity for students to improve their knowledge in your niche activity **(4pts)**

CAREERS

1. Organise a skills-based event to develop your members graduate opportunities/interview preparation **(3pts)**
2. Work with LSE Careers or LSESU to organise a careers based event for students **(3pts)**
3. Organise an event with an industry guest speaker **(4pts)**



SPECIALIST

CHARITY, CAMPAIGNING & POLITICAL NETWORK

1. Organise a fundraising/political/campaigning initiative with another similar group at LSE **(3pts)** e.g. This could be a collaborative event through an existing LSE campaign
2. Host an event surrounding a contentious topic **(3pts)**
3. Organise an event to raise awareness of your groups' cause/views **(4pts)**

NATIONAL & CULTURAL

1. Organise an educational event to enhance others' knowledge on your culture **(3pts)**
2. Organise a cultural showcase either physically or virtually **(3pts)**
3. Create promotional/guidance materials in a second language other than English **(4pts)**

FAITH

1. Collaborate with LSESU and the Faith centre to organise an inter-faith event **(3pts)**
2. Organise an open event/activity to open up your faith to LSE students **(3pts)**
3. Collaborate with another Society on an event in Inter-Faith week **(4pts)**

SPORT

1. Offer a recreational sport programme **(2pts)** e.g. a weekly social taster sessions for those who want to try the sport for the first time
2. Collaborate with another sports club to host a joint training session **(3pts)**
3. Collaborate with LSESU on a campaign/Active Lifestyle Initiative **(5pts)**

