

Five practical ways to help the world's displaced peoples trying to find safety in Europe *(taken from The Independent website, 3rd Sept 2015)*



Most of this information assumes that people have access to the internet, but some telephone giving numbers are included. If you access this website - <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/5-practical-ways-you-can-help-refugees-trying-to-find-safety-in-europe-10482902.html> - you will find links to the organisations mentioned.



Make a donation

Make a financial donation to a non-governmental organisation (NGO) that is doing related humanitarian work overseas. These could include:

- Save the Children: distributing essential items such as nappies, hygiene kits and food - donate online or call 020 7012 6400

- Red Cross Europe: providing emergency health services at central train stations

0300 023 0821

- Migrant Offshore Aid Station: dedicated to preventing migrant deaths at sea

- International Rescue Committee: improving living conditions by setting up camps
0800 707 6657 or 020 7692 0405



- The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR): providing water, mosquito nets, tents, healthcare
- Refugee Action: advice about claiming asylum, the asylum process, asylum support
Have a branch in Greater Manchester - 0161 831 5420
- World Vision: providing food, water, shelter, education and psychosocial care



Get involved with grassroots groups

JustGiving has received more than 2,500 donations from 32 countries for Calais migrant fundraising efforts. Here are just a few of them:

- The Worldwide Tribe in Calais: Travel blog documenting the story of the people in the Calais 'jungle' is also connected to a crowdfunding site
- Glasgow Solidarity with Calais Migrants: Diane and Bob are driving to Calais with supplies
- North East Solidarity with Calais Refugees: Buying food, bedding and warm clothing
- Side by Side: A family in Thurrock helping with basic humanitarian aid
- Association Salam: 19-year-old Tom McElholm is driving to Calais with supplies
- Hummingbird Project: Driving regularly to Calais with nurses, legal aid, food kitchens
- Coach and Horses Soho: raising £5,000 to give the Calais migrants a decent meal

Volunteer, donate, collect

- Calais Migrant Solidarity: organising aid from the UK to those stranded in Calais. Includes details to find local groups for clothes collections and donations and a UK-based Facebook group
- Doctors of the World: providing care to vulnerable people, advocating for rights to health
- Music Against Borders: appealing for people to donate musical instruments to Calais
- The Jungle Library: makeshift library set up at the camp at Calais. They need more books
- 'Childhood bags': fundraising to take books, toys and warm clothes to children
- Folkestone United: organising protests, taking donated goods to Calais in September
- Avaaz.org: lobbying local councils, providing language support, housing refugees
- Migrant Offshore Aid Station: dedicated to preventing loss of life at sea



- the nearest groups that we know of are in Lancaster, Warrington and Manchester.

Buy specific items for those who need help

- An Amazon wish list has been set up for people to buy specific items such as shoes and sleeping bags to be delivered to Calais as part of the appeal #KentforCalais and #HelpCalais. The truck leaves on 17 September



Put your name to a petition

- The Independent's petition for Britain to accept its fair share of refugees
 - Accept more asylum seekers and increase support for refugee migrants in the UK
- (This is the petition that Mandy has signed: Parliament considers all petitions that get more than 100,000 signatures for a debate, and by Thursday lunchtime this had 177,000)



- 80 Syrian war refugees are waiting in Calais for their rightful and legal asylum in the UK
- Create a compassionate Euro-wide policy to deal with refugee migrants
- End the Calais crisis

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/105991>