

# Refugees Calais

**THIS WINTER  
REFUGEES IN CALAIS  
NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**



Calais, refugees hiding and surviving on an industrial wasteland.

Calais, more than 600 refugees sleeping rough.

The informal refugee camp "the jungle" of Calais might have been demolished just one year ago, but today more than 600 refugees survive in the outdoors of Calais and in the surrounding grasslands.

*The current situation is harder and worse than it was in the camp which had at least a minimal infrastructure to offer some protection from winter cold and rain.*

Today refugees undergo daily harassment by police and have no place to sleep or live.

Material needs today: winter sleeping bags, men's outdoor shoes and socks (39-42), easy tents, plastic ponchos, gloves, hats, scarfs. New underwear for young men, T-Shirts, jeans or joggers - all only small & medium please! See our website [www.mariaskobtsova.org](http://www.mariaskobtsova.org) for a detailed list.

## VOLUNTEER

Every day in Calais the different humanitarian associations work hard to guarantee distribution of a breakfast, a warm noon meal and a warm evening meal, providing clothes or sleeping bags. *Many hands, MANY VOLUNTEERS, people like you and me make it all possible!* Some people come for a few days, a week, a few months or longer. Whether you are a cook, teacher, student, social worker, doctor, cleaner, handyman or other, there will always be something you can do!



Some of our July and August 2017 volunteers together with brother Johannes.

## Maria Skobtsova House



Nathan from Baptist minister to DIY man for a week.

### Long-term volunteering?

Are you considering becoming a long-term live-in volunteer at Maria Skobtsova House?

Or would you like to explore the charism of religious life serving amongst refugees?

Have a look at our website: [www.mariaskobtsova.org](http://www.mariaskobtsova.org)

### Maria Skobtsova Catholic Worker House

is an ecumenical Christian & monastic inspired community. Our mission is twofold: to be prayerfully present amongst refugees & to build a community of hospitality together with our refugee brothers and sisters.

We are looking for volunteers:

- ◊ To come and help in our community working with young and vulnerable refugees as a live-in volunteer;
- ◊ Or/and for work outside on the streets with our partner Caritas FR.
- ◊ We are also specifically looking for woman volunteers to work with girls & woman refugees during these winter months.

*In our community prayer is part of our daily life and work, we ask volunteers to actively join in. Many refugees from Ethiopia and Eritrea are Orthodox Christians, most Sudanese or Afghans refugees are Muslim - faith and prayer is part of their daily lives and so it is for ours. (If however prayer isn't part of your life we are willing to help you find a suitable volunteer placement.)*

Contact us at [mariaskobtsova@gmail.com](mailto:mariaskobtsova@gmail.com) or call Br. Johannes on **07488 407 108 (UK)**



Maria Skobtsova House is also about welcoming people, informing people and building community.

## SUPPORT US

Please consider giving us a donation.

Our house and volunteer work is only made possible thanks to supporting persons, families, parishes, churches and religious communities. There are two ways of donating to our work:

By bank transfer: Association Maria Skobtsova

Bank details: IBAN: FR7615629026250002172700193 BIC: CMCIFR2A

Bank: CCM Calais, 85 rue Mollien, 62100 Calais, France.

Or send a cheque, payable to "London Catholic Worker", to Guiseppe Conlon House, 49 Mattison Road, London N4 1BG written clearly on the back of the cheque: CALAIS HOUSE.

## PRAY with us

Prayer is part of our daily work, why not join our new email Pray & Act list, email us at: [mariaskobtsova@gmail.com](mailto:mariaskobtsova@gmail.com)