

# Solidarity with the refugees

## Keep them warm and safe

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There have been dozens of police raids on their camps all through the year. Their tents and possessions have been stolen or destroyed. The settlements have been bulldozed and fenced off behind steel barriers.

Refugees are forced to use more and more risky routes to get to Britain and make the asylum claims to which they are legally entitled. At least four have died in the Channel, to add to the thousands who have died in the Mediterranean. They are forced into using ruthless smugglers who care nothing for human life. The tragic case of the 39 Vietnamese people who died in a refrigerated container is the most horrific example.

Winter has come and the refugees face months in cold, rain and snow with no permanent shelter. Already a young man has died, poisoned while trying to keep his tent warm in freezing temperatures. This is the hostile environment which governments want to create.

Don't let the refugees freeze this winter. Your donations can help Care4Calais supply tents, tarpaulins, sleeping bags and blankets. They can provide boots, coats and warm clothing. They can pay for hot drinks and the daily services the refugees need to survive.

### HOW TO DONATE

Financial donations are the most useful. These mean that Care4Calais can buy the supplies they need, when they need them. They also keep the vehicles on the road for distributions and keep the warehouse running.

Use the collection sheet overleaf to do a collection at work or in your community or organisation. Donations can be made through the website at [care4calais.org](http://care4calais.org)

VOLUNTEERS are always welcome. You book your own travel and accommodation and work for as long as you like. To book to volunteer, contact [clare@care4calais.org](mailto:clare@care4calais.org)

- £25 buys a winter coat
- £15 buys a waterproof jacket
- £20 buys a pair of boots
- £2 buys a tarpaulin
- £13 buys a set of clothes (T shirt, hoodie, joggers, socks, underwear)
- £8 buys a snug pack (scarf, hat, gloves & socks)

If you are sending goods to Calais, the most needed are:  
Tents  
Sleeping bags  
Blankets  
Tarpaulins  
Winter coats (especially small & medium)  
Boots (especially size 40 – 44)  
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