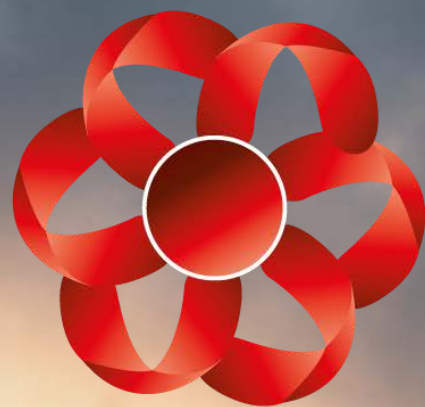


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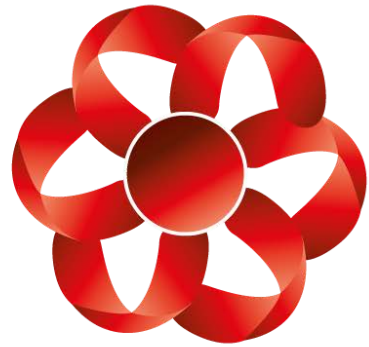
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Letter from our founders:

When we first started working in Alexandria refugee camp in Greece in 2016, we only expected to be able to help out there for a few months. We never expected that we would go on to help in 7 Greek camps, supply a huge camp of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, support a migrant caravan on the US border in Mexico and set up the Dignity Centre in Cyprus.

It was all possible because of volunteers-- amazing individuals who came from all over the world and freely gave their time and energy to help others in their hour of need. People want to help people and Refugee Support offered an easy, valuable way for them to do that. Then, thanks to their care and dedication and a 'Dignity First' philosophy, we got better at helping. Working alongside them has been a huge privilege.

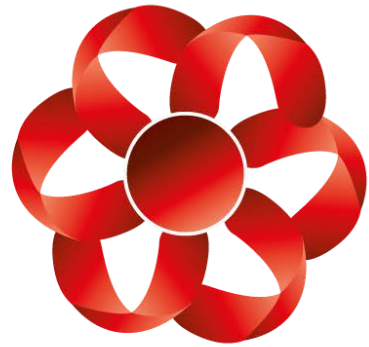
We know that the tangible support volunteers have offered to refugees has made a huge difference to their wellbeing. Critically, volunteers have also borne witness to their plight and stood shoulder to shoulder with them during a period of terrible uncertainty and hardship. And we also know that when you volunteer, whether you intend for this or not, you get back more than you put in.

Sadly, the way refugees are treated is not getting better and we are likely to see numbers rising. We need to continue campaigning for better treatment and to continue helping where we can. To do that, we need volunteers and their energy. We hope you will join us.

Paul Hutchings

John Sloan

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Why We're Needed

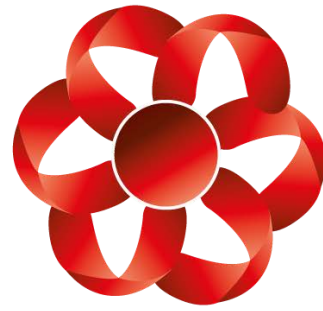
Refugee Support was founded in 2016 in response to governmental failure across Europe to protect and support people who had fled violent conflict, a failure which continues to this day. Outside of Europe, the situation is even worse, and as a result many refugees risk their lives on treacherous journeys in search of safety.

Even if they make it to a safer country, tens of thousands of individuals and families remain trapped in makeshift camps or sub-standard accommodation, barely able to make ends meet. With hostile attitudes and inadequate governmental aid, there is not enough support for these individuals to rebuild their lives and become independent.

How We Help

We believe that everyone has a right to dignity-- a commitment enshrined in Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. At Refugee Support, we believe that how we provide aid is just as important as what aid is provided. Large humanitarian agencies are helping, but they move slowly and their resources are stretched. Governments step in, but it is often the bare minimum and sometimes dehumanising. Our organization is able to respond more quickly, more personally, and in more caring ways. We can go to locations where refugees are first arriving and give them the support they need to help them rebuild their lives. We call this strategy **Aid With Dignity**.

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Support our social media

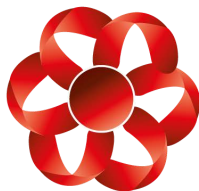
Following Refugee Support on social media is the best way to stay in the loop, and sharing our posts with friends is the best way to spread our message-- it's like a free donation!



Make sure to like us on **Facebook** for the latest updates and news, and join our volunteers group for insider info and opportunities.



Follow Refugee Support on **Instagram** to see photo updates of our critical work and the people we work with.



Visit our website's **news page** for regular updates on our work, exciting initiatives, answers to questions, and interesting interviews.



Tweet tweet! Hit the 'follow' button on our **Twitter** to receive bite-sized updates on Refugee Support and what's happening in the aid world.

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Fundraise for us

Due to the onset of COVID-19, Refugee Support is in high need of additional funds to continue our work providing #AidWithDignity to refugees in need.

All the services we provide are free to refugees and allow displaced populations to rebuild their lives after going through experiences that no one should have to experience. Donations keep us going, and your fundraising efforts will allow Refugee Support to continue providing aid where it's needed most. On our website, you'll find a link to set up a personalized fundraising page where family and friends can contribute donations easily and securely.





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The possibilities for fundraising opportunities are endless, and each dollar counts when it comes to helping families in need.

We've often seen individuals donate the proceeds from selling handicrafts or hosting a rummage sale. Ebay, Poshmark, and the app Ziffit are all free, easy ways to sell unwanted books, DVDs, and other items to benefit our work.

Many people have enjoyed raising money for our important work through charity races such as the Ultra Challenge. Whether you partake in a leisurely stroll or an extreme athletic event, this is a great way to get outside for a good cause.



's birthday fundraiser for Refugee Support Europe
Fundraiser for Refugee Support Europe by

Donate Share ...

Fundraiser Ended
reached her birthday goal! Thanks to everyone who donated.
\$379 raised of \$193

Fundraiser Progress

10 donated	10 invited	0 shared
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About
For my birthday this year, I'm asking for donations to Refugee Support Europe. I've chosen this charity because their mission means a lot to

You can also utilize Facebook to set up a birthday fundraiser benefitting Refugee Support, so you and your friends can celebrate by contributing to an important cause.

Volunteer with us

Volunteers are the backbone of Refugee Support's work with refugees. Since our inception more than four years ago, we have welcomed over 1000 volunteers from all over the world who have helped serve displaced populations.

Passionate, caring individuals willing to spend time volunteering to carry out our work are the cornerstone of Refugee Support. We need volunteers both on the front lines and behind the scenes to perform important tasks that are key in accomplishing our mission of providing #AidWithDignity. If you're interested in joining our team of volunteers, please contact us.



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Make a donation

Roughly 80% of our funding comes from individuals, so we are very reliant on people like you to fund what we do. As Refugee Support is a nimble, volunteer-driven organisation, any donation will make a real difference-- no matter how small!

By donating to our work, you'll be helping to ensure refugees have enough to eat, to provide opportunities for them to socialise, to train them in the skills they need to find employment, to give a sense of purpose, and to understand that they are not alone. In essence, you'll be helping restore dignity and independence.

- £10** pays for a member to use Dignity Centre services for 1 week
- £30** covers materials for a member to learn how to make a simple bag
- £50** lets us ship, repair, and distribute a bicycle for work & health
- £100** sponsors a full month of computer classes for 5 people

Donations to Refugee Support can be made on our website, as either one-time or monthly payments. Any amount is accepted, and can be given via credit, debit, PayPal, or cheque.

If you're in a position to consider it, leaving a gift for Refugee Support in your will can be a wonderful way to help future generations of refugees. Additional information can be found on our website.

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Share your experience

Refugee Support volunteers leave their time serving with amazing stories to tell and a desire to share those meaningful experiences with others. Please do!



VOLUNTEER STORY: DOREEN (MAY 18)

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I have now been home for over a week, and it has taken this long to regain any sense of normality. I felt strangely bereft when leaving the camp, and have dreamed vividly of it every night since. I have no doubt I will return as soon as I can – there is so much more to do there, and I feel I have barely scraped the surface of need.

My experience in Katsikas was a world apart from the 'Voluntourism' that is recently receiving such bad publicity. We were not building orphanages or saving babies – just carrying out the basic and fundamental tasks necessary to keep the camp running, the camp residents fed and clothed, and the children occupied for at least a little while each day.

Each morning their allocated

After lunch, we anticipated a



No advertising could improve upon the effects of volunteers sharing their Refugee Support experiences in their social circles. Even if it doesn't result in a donation to our organization, this is what we need to keep people aware of and interested in the plight of refugees across the globe.

Whether you've just returned from volunteering or are a few years removed from your experience, we would love to hear about your experience through words, photos, or video. Please reach out if you'd be willing to have your voice shared in a feature on our website.



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Shop Refumade

One of our biggest achievements is Refumade. We invest a huge amount of time teaching people how to make desirable items from high quality fabrics such as bags and aprons. We then sell them online to help fund the project. People receive a generous payment, learn valuable skills and have a place of work they can call their own. When you buy from Refumade, you are investing in people.

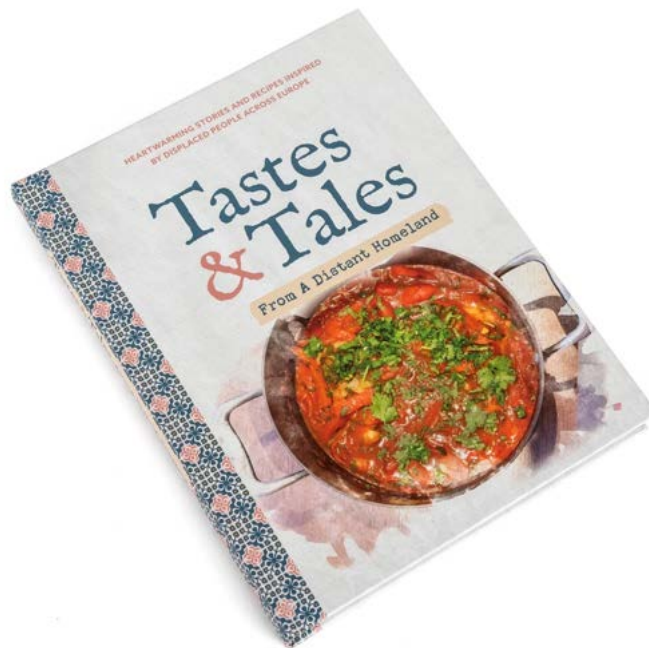


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Find a new favorite recipe

Written by Alan and Katherine Strang, two Refugee Support volunteers, *Tastes & Tales* is a beautiful hardback recipe book with over 80 mouthwatering recipes, thoughts and stories from refugee homelands.



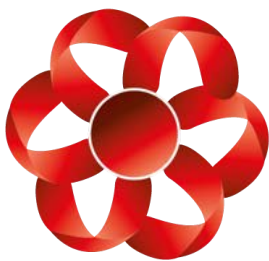
Tastes & Tales includes a wide selection of meat, fish, vegetarian and vegan dishes covering starters, main courses, side dishes and sweet treats. It's available for sale on our Refumade store website, with all proceeds after the cost of printing going to Refugee Support to aid in our mission of providing #AidWithDignity.

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Do good while online

In the age of internet, you can donate to Refugee Support without spending a cent. Using Goodsearch, Goodshop, and AmazonSmile means Refugee Support can receive funds just from your regular searching and shopping.

How to set up AmazonSmile:



Visit smile.amazon.co.uk (or the corresponding address for your country) and select Refugee Support as your charity.



Shop as normal on Amazon, but make sure 'smile' is at the beginning of the URL whenever you're browsing.



Amazon will donate a percentage of every purchase you make to Refugee Support to fund programs for refugees.

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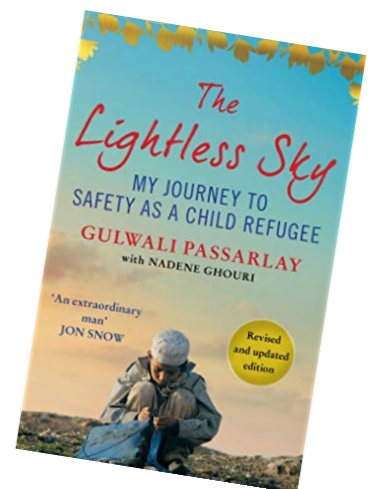
Read books about refugees

Reading books about the refugee experience or written by refugees is a great way to gain insight into the issue.

Hosting a book club can be engaging and also fosters dialogue and increases understanding about the current refugee crisis (plus, it's easy to do virtually!). Invite some friends or family members to join you in reading the book, and check in regularly via Zoom, Skype, or even Google Docs.

Some Reading Recommendations:

- *The Lightless Sky* by Gulwali Passarlay
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- *Butterfly* by Yusra Mardini
- *A Land of Prominent Goodbyes* by Atia Abawi
- *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- *The Girl Who Smiled Beads* by Clementine Wamariya & Elizabeth Wil
- *City of Thorns* by Ben Rawlence



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Host a film watch party

Watching a documentary or movie about the refugee experience with friends or family helps spread awareness and understanding of the plight of displaced individuals.

Documentaries are a gripping way to step into the shoes of individuals affected by the refugee crisis, and there are many great films available to choose from. With the help of technology such as Zoom, Scener, or Netflix/Hulu/Disney+ Watch Party, it's now possible to host a watch party remotely so you can watch with friends in other locations.

Some Viewing Recommendations:

- *Human Flow* (2017)
- *Children of Syria* (2016)
- *Refugee* (2016)
- *He Named Me Malala* (2015)
- *War Child* (2008)
- *Lost Boys of Sudan* (2003)

