Today an estimated 1500 refugees live on the streets in the North of France around Calais and Dunkerque. They sleep rough, under bridges, in fields exposed to cold, rain and violence. Several times a week all tents and sleeping areas are ‘cleared’ by the CRS (French riot police). On a daily base volunteers distribute drinking water, food, clothes, sleeping bags and offer welcoming places. Even though there are a lot of basic needs and hardship, refugees and volunteers are able to create together moments of relief, joy and community.

Want to come and help us?
VOLUNTEER

Maria Skobtsova House and Caritas France Calais are part of the Churches response to refugee needs in Calais. We are looking for committed volunteers (between 18 and 99 y.o.) for a minimum of one month to help in different operations in aid of refugees. That could be at the Caritas Day Center, serving tea in the little camps, doing work with young refugees, helping out at the hospitality house or in the local soup kitchen.

LESS THAN A MONTH?

Short-term volunteers are welcome if they have specific skills and experience that can immediately be put to use and so require little training (i.e. arts & crafts, radio, IT skills, gardening, drivers, lawyers, social workers).

YOUTH WORKERS experienced and of all ages!

Some refugees we work with are underage (around 16 y.o.) We are looking for people with a heart for young people. Who are able to accompany under-age and young adults during these difficult and challenging circumstances.

HOUSE MOTHERS / FATHERS

Specific for the hospitality house for young and vulnerable refugees we are looking for people with a mature and warm personality, able to contribute to and maintain a family atmosphere in the house. This function includes a lot of household work like: laundry, cleaning, cooking or driving the minibus.

CHURCH & STUDENT GROUPS

Does your church or student chaplancy want to help refugees? Can a group of 5 to 10 people come for a week?

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Do you have professional experience in pastoral care as a priest, deacon, chaplain, pastor or as a therapist? Join our team of pastoral carers at hand for refugees and volunteers in Calais.

Association Maria Skobtsova

Come and volunteer with us?

Please send an email requesting an information sheet & application form to:
mariaskobtsova@gmail.com
or visit our website:
www.mariaskobtsova.org

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is an ecumenical community: our mission is to be prayerfully present with and amongst the refugees.

We expect volunteers to join in the prayer life of the community and to see this time of serves as a chance to deepen their spiritual life.

IN CALAIS