

Become an ambassador for refugees!

Stand up for rights of refugees as an ambassador in your region and make politicians think twice about the current refugee policy.

Cantwashmyhands asked one of the initiators of the #leavenoonebehind campaign, MEP Erik Marquardt for advice on how to make politicians react on the unacceptable situation of refugees at the EU's external borders. That is his answer:



"On the subject of escape and migration, it is mainly some right-wing extremists dominating the discussion. Many people remain silent. Politicians must finally hear from reasonable people who stand up for human rights. As a member of parliament, you deal with thousands of topics. It is up to civil society to ask critical questions, whether at the European or local, federal or state level. Mass mails only receive a standard reply as opposed to personal mails."

For this reason, we would like you to make personal contact with politicians in your region and make them aware of Europe's disastrous refugee policy. How? Here are our suggestions:

1. Get in personal **contact with politicians** and tell them your opinion. Get involved in face-to-face discussions, such as web talks by foundations, political party events, telephone consultations and assemblies.
2. Write your **own texts** and send them to politicians in your region. Write about what you find upsetting about the current refugee policy, how you imagine Europe's future, why you believe in humanity and why you stand up for solidarity with refugees. The more personal the text, the better.
3. Draw attention to the unbearable situation of refugees through **your art and music!** It can be a concert for refugees or a piece of art. We would be happy to display it on our website.
4. Write us on **info@cantwashmyhands.eu** and tell us in which region you became active! As a next step, we will visualize the given data. In doing so, we can show in which regions many people already asked for change and where you can still make a special effort.
5. We would like to build a **network of ambassadors** for refugees. It allows us to exchange ideas of action and to work together for a humanitarian policy in Europe.

More on our Website: www.cantwashmyhands.eu

We are looking forward to your action!

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