



Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary

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REFUGEES

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WOULD :

Offer safe and legal routes to the UK for at least 10,000 refugees each year by expanding the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, both to help a greater number of people from that region and to cover other conflict zones such as Myanmar.

Monitor the progress of community-sponsorship projects for looking after refugees in the UK. Based on a successful Canadian model, which brings together local groups who welcome and support refugees when they first arrive in the country, this approach has so far helped more than a hundred Syrian families. We will provide additional funding to Local Authorities to support further such programmes.

On UK policy towards specific programmes for accepting refugees, we would review all the UK's current programmes for accepting refugees, and compare them with other similar countries, to check to see if we are taking our fair share.

Consider how the UK can best work with other countries, particularly in Europe, to address other situations which can already be anticipated such as the rapidly expanding population of Nigeria and the impacts of climate change.

Reform positively the excellent current policy of generously funding refugee camps in safe areas near to people's original homes. We want to ensure there is greater flexibility in such funding so that refugee hosting communities could use it to fund integration initiatives, so refugees could become part of the host country, if that was acceptable.

CHILD REFUGEES

For too long what Government has said, and that has not been enough, has not been translated into action for these young people in desperate need of safety.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WOULD:

Provide an effective mechanism to implement in full Section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 that commits the UK to welcoming unaccompanied refugee children, this scheme to be expanded to welcome 10,000 such children over a period of 10 years.