

Unaccompanied Children in Calais

This Council recognises:

The government committed to helping unaccompanied children in the Calais camp, many of whom have family in the UK and, with school terms starting in days, now is the time to act.

Britain should be following Germany's lead of accepting more than one million refugees last year and distributing them across hundreds of cities and villages in the country.

This government's claims to be socially just can only be viewed as a failure of leadership while these minors suffer squalor, desperation and destitution.

This Council resolves:

- To write to the Secretary of State at the Home Office urging the government to urgently send officials to the Calais camp to process legitimate asylum claims that will allow unaccompanied children access to Britain and safety.

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