



Encounter : Calais

Resources exploring the history and developing situation on the ground up to the 2015/2016 camp (known as the jungle), its destruction, and subsequent developments.

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Material includes first-hand accounts of human rights abuses, distressing situations and upsetting scenes.

BACKGROUND



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The Lotus Flower - Hope in the Calais Jungle, Worldwide Tribe Film

Showing life in the jungle, early 2016

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Dead End : The Calais Crisis, RT Documentary

Explores the situation in Calais for both locals and refugees, December 2015

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-pDWsD0PeU>

The Jungle : Refugee Crisis in Calais, Emily Packer Films

Documentary with accounts from people living in the jungle, February 2016

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The Jungle - Calais, mattimages

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Ashram Kitchen, Olivier Blaecke

Looks at one volunteer led community project in the jungle, early 2016

<https://vimeo.com/157519886>

Trapped—Joe's story in Calais, Frederik Subei

Account of one Syrian refugee, from Syria to the UK border in Calais

<https://vimeo.com/152585150>

The Terminal, Ruwac Productions

Interviews with residents and volunteers in the Jungle, May 2016

<https://vimeo.com/168990098>

The Jungle—February 2016, George Podaras

Footage of the jungle, including media coverage of the destruction of the southern section of the camp, February 2016

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Made by residents in the jungle showing their life, March 2016

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Images and testimony from Sarang, an Iraqi-Kurd living in the Grande-Synthe camp, 2016

<https://vimeo.com/195536006>

The Calais Baby and The Hunger Strike, The Human Tale

Events linked to protest #CalaisHungerStrike, early 2016

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La vie est un Cactus, Jade Madoe

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Campaign film supporting the Dubs Amendment call to offer safety to children, 15 September 2016

<https://vimeo.com/181182309>

Dunkirk Migrant Camp, BBC Newsnight

Filmed in the Grande-Synthe camp (mid-2016), one of the areas which many displaced from Calais went to.

<https://vimeo.com/157602546>

#StopEvictingChildren, Daniel Sippel

A volunteer speaks about the risks to children ahead of the destruction of the camp, October 2016

<https://vimeo.com/155517174>

Calais : Police trying to stop new camps forming, BBC News, January 2018

News report from Calais, interviewing volunteers and those sleeping rough in the area

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTxTDEnhhpQ&t=>

Calais: Life after 'the jungle', Huffpost Reports, February 2019

Report on the situation in Calais/ northern France two years after the jungle was destroyed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzFi0SP8tdo&t=>

AFTER THE JUNGLE (2017 - 2019)

We are human, Alice Rowsome, December 2017

Audio testimony of a Syrian living rough in northern France

<https://vimeo.com/249675570>

Stranded in Calais, Aljazeera. January 2018

Report on the ongoing situation in northern France, and the 'Sandhurst Treaty' agreement between the UK and French governments.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/blogs/europe/2018/01/stranded-calais-lifewe-human-human-180126104116149.html>





Calais living conditions now 'far worse' for refugees, Aljazeera, April 2017

Report on the situation, and growing hostility towards migrants and volunteers six months after the jungle was destroyed.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/04/calais-living-conditions-worse-refugees-170427190649136.html>

Teargas, cold, no toilets: plight of refugees in Calais revealed, The Guardian, August 2017

Report and pictures in and around Calais nearly one year after the jungle was demolished.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/10/teargas-cold-no-toilets-plight-of-refugees-back-in-calais-revealed>

Targeting Solidarity: Criminalization and Harassment of People Defending Refugee and Migrant Rights in Northern France, Amnesty International, May 2019

Amnesty International report on the unprecedented situation in northern France targeting human rights defenders (aid volunteers and others) by the police and security forces in Pas-de-Calais and Grande-Synthe departments.

<https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/EUR2103562019ENGLISH.PDF>

Like Living in Hell, Human Rights Watch, July 2017

Human Rights Watch report on the post-jungle situation, including police abuse against child and adult migrants, and harassment of volunteers.

https://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/report_pdf/france0717_web_3.pdf

Calais: the police harassment of volunteers, Help Refugees et al., August 2018

Report collecting accounts of human rights defenders working with Help Refugees, Refugee Info Bus, L'Auberge des Migrants, and Utopia56 and harassment, assault, and misuse of powers by security forces in Calais and Dunkirk

<https://helprefugees.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Police-Harrassment-of-Volunteers-in-Calais-1.pdf>

BRUSSELS, PARIS, CAEN - CAMPS WHICH HAVE GROWN AFTER THE JUNGLE CLOSED

Rough sleeping and racism: Refugees struggle in Brussels, Aljazeera, September 2018

Report on the situation in central Brussels where many refugees went since the destruction of the jungle.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/09/rough-sleeping-racism-refugees-struggle-belgium-180911054102965.html>

How vulnerable refugees have become 'perfect prey' for grooming gangs and drug dealers in Paris, The Independent, October 2018

Report on the situation in Paris

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/paris-refugees-asylum-sex-abuse-grooming-exploitation-france-europe-migrant-crisis-a8596491.html>

Brussels police remove homeless people before Tour de France, The Guardian, July 2019

Report on the situation in central Brussels where many refugees went since the destruction of the jungle.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jul/01/brussels-police-clear-homeless-people-from-park-tour-de-france>

Tensions spread beyond Calais as migrants desperately dash to catch UK-bound lorries, SkyNews, September 2018

Report on the situation in the port of Ouistreham, Caen which has seen increase in attempts to board ferries.

<https://news.sky.com/story/migrants-desperate-dash-to-catch-lorries-to-the-uk-11491961>

Migrants sleeping rough in makeshift camp in central Brussels park, Ruptly, August 2017

Report from Maximilian Park, Brussels, including interviews with refugees and local citizens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eb7WS-Wq2yM>

France town becomes transit point for refugees trying to reach UK, Aljazeera, October 2017

Report from Ouistreham which has seen an increase in refugees since the closure and increased security in Calais.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/10/france-town-transit-point-refugees-reach-uk-171024143210694.html>

Refugees sleeping without shelter in Brussels park, PRESS TV, September 2017

Report on the situation in central Brussels, including interviews with refugees and volunteers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOd5nvoM1Mw>

"I don't want to die here": Eritrean migrants living on the edge in Paris, France24, May 2019

Interview with Eritrean refugees sleeping rough on the outskirts of Paris.

<https://www.france24.com/en/20190530-eritrean-migrants-refugees-paris-peripherique-report-france>



REFLECTIONS & OTHER RESOURCES

On our doorstep (Teaser Trailer) 2018, SE15 Productions

Trailer for documentary film looking at the volunteers in the jungle, and the events leading up to, and after its destruction.

<https://vimeo.com/204075343>

Refugee Blues, A Documentary Poem, Stephan Bookas & Tristan

Daws

Set to the verses of W.H Auden's poem 'Refugee Blues' (1939) images of daily life in the Calais jungle camp, contrasting the harsh treatment they experience with the hopes they have for the future.

<https://vimeo.com/153742425>

Caught in between darkness and light - the refugee experience of flight to the (un)promised land, Alexandra D'Onofrio

Film exploring the journeys and experiences of several migrants through Europe

<https://vimeo.com/148997621>

Seeking Sanctuary

<https://seekingsanctuary.weebly.com>

UK based organisation working with faith and community groups to raise awareness and provide support to groups in Calais and other areas.

Website also has collated prayer resources

ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Maria Skobtsova Catholic Worker House

Maria Skobtsova House is a house of hospitality in the tradition of the Catholic Worker movement. With a mission to be prayerfully present with and amongst the refugee community in Calais the house accompanies some of the most vulnerable in Calais, inspired by the life and mission of St. Maria Skotbsova.

<https://mariaskobtsova.org/volunteer/>

Care4Calais

Care4Calais is a volunteer run charity delivering essential aid and support to refugees living in the worst conditions across Northern France and Belgium. Operating year round from Calais, their focus is to provide warm clothing, bedding, food and medical assistance to people in desperate need. They also provide social support and interaction, including language lessons and sports and music workshops. Ordinary people on the ground with the refugees every single day respectful of our common humanity and responsive to their needs.

<https://care4calais.org>

Help Refugees

Operating in 12 countries across Europe and Asia Help Refugees responds to emerging needs of refugees identifying partners on the ground and supporting their work. In Calais they work alongside a range of organisations involved with direct aid distribution and human rights observation.

<https://helprefugees.org/volunteer/calais/>

Refugee Community Kitchen

Refugee Community Kitchen serves nourishing food to displaced people in the UK and northern France. Entirely volunteer-run and donation-based, they are committed to serving wholesome food with dignity and respect to people in need. Established in 2015 since the Calais Jungle was demolished they work through distribution points to continue to support refugees in the region, serving food where ever they can find a safe place for people to congregate in the Calais / Dunkirk region.

<http://www.refugeecommunitykitchen.com/aboutrck>

www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk

