

# FUTURE SEARCH NETWORK

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## Dear Future Search Network Members,

Thank you to those who have responded to our FSN initiative to offer help during the current refugee crisis in Europe and the Middle East.

### The crisis continues!

The winter is here and the numbers aren't lessening. There are still mothers and children who have been walking for weeks to reach asylum. Yet, in many places peoples' attitudes are hardening. Countries that were open to accepting immigrants months ago are now closing their borders. Groups are actively opposing new immigrants with violence.

At the same time, many have mobilized to welcome refugees and offer a hand of friendship in the midst of trauma. Germany and Sweden, for example, are hosting up to 1 million this year. Refugee organisations are traveling to Southern Europe to personally welcome arrivals with clothes, hot food and advice. Individuals, including Network members, are visiting families to offer support and friendship.

You can imagine the challenge for those coordinating responses. NGOs and local authorities are overwhelmed, and medical and social services systems are strained. Though news coverage is slowing, the crisis is not. It is a reality that everyone has to face. There is an opportunity to be of service.

### What can we do?

As you know, FSN members named below met at our FSN 2015 Learning Exchange in Berlin to take action. We prepared a memo that explains the world-wide presence of the Future Search Network and how we are connected by a common set of values, including one of service. Essentially we will help people for whatever they can afford. See [FSN REFUGEE INITIATIVE](#) below and on our [website](#).

We are going to send this memo to organisations who are working to "join up" pieces of the system. We invite you to do the same. The organisations could be individual NGOs or collaborations of NGOs and local authorities.

### Please take these 3 steps to get started:

1. Send the cover memo titled [FSN REFUGEE INITIATIVE](#) to any NGO and other organisation you know of that is working on the Refugee Emergency. You can attach it to a letter from you with your message.
2. Contact SallyTheilacker, our FSN Program Manager, to let her know that you want to be involved. fsn@futuresearch.net , +1 800 951 6333, +1 215 951 0328
3. Join our Mentoring Group on the listserve where we will support each other in this effort.

**Important:** Share your efforts by email or phone with Sally directly or send to the list serve. We will keep all the data flowing throughout the Network so each of us can leverage our collective experience. It will stimulate more energy and action. We have impact as a global Network when we hear from each other, learn together and stay connected.

When we receive a response from an agency, we will invite you to help coordinate communication between the FSNetwork and the organisation in need. We will also be inviting FSNetwork members, wherever you are, to respond to requests for help and to be ready to help facilitate, plan, prepare meetings or whatever else you are willing to offer.

For current data on the crisis: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34131911>

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