

Organised by Amnesty International IOM, the One World Centre and "Refugees Welcome in the Isle of Man" group.

Location: Loch Promenade, Douglas – the shelter between the sunken gardens directly in line with Regent Street. This is the first one you come to walking from the Sea Terminal end just after the TT café kiosk.

<u>Time</u>: **12.00 – 3.00pm.** Please come along and find out more about the current situation and how the Isle of Man could help with the Syrian vulnerable persons resettlement scheme. We will be asking the new Manx Government to reconsider the decision of the previous Government to not offer any assistance with the UK's commitment to take 20,000 Syrian refugees over 5 years. Based on our population size, this means we could offer to take 25 refugees over 5 years. One year ago, there was a fantastic response from Manx residents who were very supportive of a range of projects that helped refugees in camps around the border of Syria and other refugees in the Calais area. Many residents have made offers of accommodation here on the Island and others are willing to provide support services free of charge for any refugees that would be allowed to come here. There will be a petition to sign which will also be available online.

AT 1.00pm WE WOULD LIKE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO JOIN US AND BRING ALONG A LIFEJACKET OR BUOYANCY AID (ask a friend or neighbour if you don't have one!) FOR A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH TO MAKE THE MESSAGE EVEN STRONGER. There will already be some lifejackets tied to the promenade railings with the iconic symbol of the Tower of Refuge in the background.

PLEASE JOIN US AND SUPPORT THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ISLE OF MAN TO ACTIVELY DEMONSTRATE WE CAN DO OUR BIT FOR VICTIMS OF A CRISIS THEY DID NOT CAUSE.