

# Needs in Calais

Please let us know beforehand if you are bringing donations to our warehouse by emailing us at [calaisdonations@collectiveaidngo.org](mailto:calaisdonations@collectiveaidngo.org).

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## **Priorities**

### **Blankets**

***Skinny jeans and joggers (sizes 28-32)***

***Thick and waterproof jackets (especially S and M)***

***Trainers and walking boots (sizes EU 42-46+)***

***Thick Jumpers /hoodies (especially S and M)***

***New boxer shorts***

***New socks***

***Hygiene items (deodorant, soap, shampoo)***

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## **Bedding and tents**

Tents (1 pax/2 pax/ 3pax.)

Sleeping bags

Blankets

Tarps

Camping mats

## **Men's clothing**

Thin waterproof jackets

Thin nonwaterproof jackets

T shirts short/long sleeve

Jumpers thin/thick

Hoodies

Fleeces

Jackets

Gilets

Thermal tops and bottoms

Waterproof (and disposable) ponchos

Joggers

Skinny jeans (sizes 28-32)

Chinos (sizes 28-32)

Boxers (new)

Thin, dark socks

Winter hats

Scarves

Snoods

Winter gloves

Rucksacks 20-30L

Belts

## **Hygiene**

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Soap bars

Travel-size shampoo

Travel-size moisturizers

Disposable razors

Packets of tissues

## **Sorting guidelines**

Please check beforehand that your donations are in good condition - donations which are dirty, broken or have holes create an immense quantity of waste, hindering the vital aid going to displaced people.

For donations of more than one bag or box, please sort your donations by category e.g. trainers, short-sleeve t-shirts, jeans etc.

## **Who are the recipients?**

We support displaced people sleeping rough in the Calais-Dunkirk region. This includes those staying in woods, sand dunes, abandoned buildings, and under bridges.

## **Can I donate women's and children's clothing?**

If you wish to donate for women and children you can contact our partner Refugee Women's Centre via [supportus@refugeewomenscentre.com](mailto:supportus@refugeewomenscentre.com) or find their donation list on their website: <http://refugeewomenscentre.com>

## **Do you take all sizes?**

In order to limit the amount of waste and unsuitable donations we have restrictions to fit the needs of the people we support.

The sizes we accept are followed;

Boots/trainers: EU 39-46

Trousers, tops, jackets etc: S-XL

Rucksacks 20-30L

## **Used vs. new**

Although we welcome all appropriate donations, if you want to buy new items, the most effective way to maximize the potential of your contribution is to make a monetary donation.

On top of donations, we bulk purchase essential items by the pallet at far lower prices than can usually be found in retail. By making a monetary donation to our fund, you help reach significantly more people with vital aid including tents, sleeping bags, and boots.

## **We do not accept:**

Anything that is dirty, stained or has holes.

Duvets, pillows or bed sheets, towels

Air mattresses

Leather (except shoes)

Office wear, dress shirts etc.

Anything that may be considered offensive or inappropriate

Salopettes, Wellies

## **Thank you!**