

Welcoming SPRH's New Team



Meet the Team

Sciences Po Refugee Help is a student association started by highly motivated and compassionate young students from Sciences Po aiming to make a difference in the lives of refugees and asylum seekers in France. Started in 2015, SPRH has made incredible progress in organizing charity events, distributing relief materials and spreading the spirit of volunteerism and willingness to help among people.

This year we have a bunch of enthusiastic students hailing from Sciences Po's vibrant multicultural student community, who have gleefully come forward to be a part of SPRH, and take it ahead. We have Mr. Yann Le Bec as the President of the association, with Ms. Kertu Tenso and Mr. Mas Mahmud as the Secretary and Vice-President respectively. SPRH has five total teams namely the administration (which has fundraising and media), social activities, material needs, asylum aid, and French classes. Each team is headed by a coordinator as well as having their own internal organization, with support from other members, and volunteers who pitch in during fundraising events and campaigns.

Action Summary

#WithRefugees

On the 16th of September, the new SPRH team started off with its first solidarity campaign towards refugees titled '#WithRefugees'. Highlight of the event was the presence of Ms. Celine Schmitt, committed humanitarian and spokesperson of UNHCR based in Paris, who spent her day in Sciences Po interacting with fellow students and SPRH members, explaining them the purpose of the petition. Around 50 students from Sciences Po signed the petition, which will be shortly presented by the United States to the United Nations General Assembly, to lobby for further support and commitment by the international community to rehabilitate and nurture thousands of refugees across the world.



The Teams Are Ready to Roll

French lessons, material needs, asylum aid, and social events: all these teams were busy setting their team up and beginning activities with refugees. French lessons and asylum aid both had tutoring sessions in order to make sure our volunteers are fully in capacity to carry out their work. They have both already begun meeting refugees, and we shall keep you informed on their activities in the weeks to come. Social events team has also been busy preparing the first round of activities for them to perform, the first being a pick-up football match with refugees and students from SciencesPo. Finally, the material needs team has been doing trips to the camps to provide refugees with much needed material aid. Having performed the necessary preliminary preparation, they are fully ready for the semester's work.

French Lessons

Material Needs

Asylum Aid

Social Events

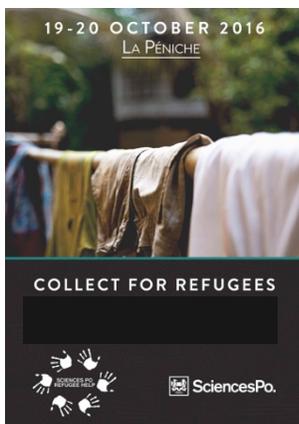
A Team Meet-Up

SciencesPo Refugee Help being such a large organization, the administration thought it helpful to have a small get-together at the grass of Invalides in order to meet other team members and to make sure all teams knew what the others would be doing in the mission to help refugees



SPRH Events

Collect for Refugees



An important event coming up for SPRH is the “Collect for Refugees”, an event taking place at SciencesPo Paris. The purpose of the event is to collect donations from students, who give out what they no longer need, in addition to raising awareness and answering people’s questions about the association, the situation of refugees, and actions being taken for their cause.

Future Art and Research

This year, our team has the intention of adding a “Research and Art” section in which we hope to share academic and press articles, data, art and testimonies on the subject of refugees in France and around the world. We hope we can bring to this newsletter the voice of the people in this situation, and raise awareness by informing and humanizing such an important subject in a positive way.

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