



LIC at Rally for Syrian Refugees

"Members of the Centre attend rally to pressure Govt to accept 1000 Syrian refugees before winter."

On Thursday 13th October evening, members of [Lewisham Islamic Centre's](#) congregation attended a rally near Parliament to pressure government to accept 1000 Syrian refugees before the onset of winter.

In the past, refugees in the camps around Syria have frozen to death in the extreme conditions there; with crucial resources like food dwindling, the number of fatalities is likely to be higher than ever. UNHCR, the umbrella organisation that supervises the camps, has over 1000 people eligible to come to safety here in Britain right now.

The purpose of the rally was to show the government that British civic society is ready and willing to accept these people in need. As such, representatives of landlords, schools, mosques, churches and synagogues spoke to the crowd, backed up by politicians from Labour, SNP and Liberal Democrats; there were also success stories like Barnet's Conservative council agreeing to host refugees as soon as possible.

Lewisham Islamic Centre is proud to have been part of an action in partnership with CitizensUK which drew nearly a thousand people, representing such a large cross-section of Britain. As a result of this, the government's Minister for Syrian Refugees agreed to meet with CitizensUK; we pray that this is a sign of more positive action to come.