

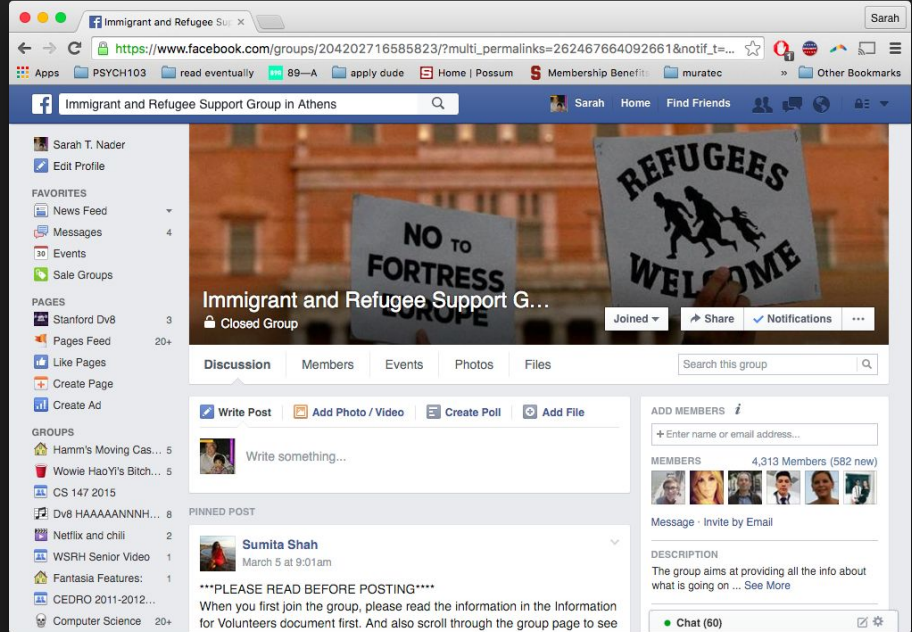


# Why go?

- Family / personal experience
- Understanding its truly a crisis

# Planning

- Facebook groups
  - Information Point for Lesbos Volunteers
  - Immigrant and Refugee Support Group in Athens
  - American Volunteers for Lesbos (AMVOL)
- Social network contacts
- Non-profit organizations (Carry the Future)



# Arrival

- Find someone who's more knowledgeable than you
  - Team leader
  - Local contact
  - Someone sleeping who looks like a volunteer

# Volunteering

- Focused
  - Fitting baby carriers
  - Picking up refugees and bringing them back to Women & Children Center
  - Distributing clothes
- Sporadic
  - Who needs help right now?

# Post Trip

- Keeping in touch with refugees
- Helping resettle refugees in the area
- Sourcing needed goods and distributing them to refugees here and abroad
- Connecting own social network with opportunities to help

# Key Takeaways

- Relaying information
- Human connections
- Clothes
- Ever-changing climate

# Relaying Information

- Volunteers to pre-volunteers
- Volunteers to volunteers (on the ground)
- Emergency situations



# Human Connection

- “We want to show them as much love as possible while they’re here because conditions will get a lot rougher down the line” - Aitran
- Bogdan + Zabi

# Clothes

- Reconciling the various sizing systems

# Changing climate

The image shows a browser window displaying a Google Docs document. The document title is "Information for Volunteers on Lesbos". The URL in the address bar is [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fhY55KRvfXG3PDj2oUkt9Agi58spQUH4vebA4S9\\_shc/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fhY55KRvfXG3PDj2oUkt9Agi58spQUH4vebA4S9_shc/edit). The document content includes a header "Information for Volunteers on Lesbos" with a last update date of "30 March 2016". A prominent yellow highlighted box contains an update from March 30, stating that the situation on Lesbos has slowed down significantly and that the document includes general needs for remaining groups. Below this, there is a paragraph of text providing specific information and a link to another document. At the bottom, a disclaimer states that the information is purely for decision-making and that volunteering is at one's own risk.

Information for Volunteers on Lesbos

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Outline

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What's in this document?

Should I Still Come?

Mainland Greece camps

A Little Bureaucracy

1. Sign up at LesVol.Info.

2. Register with the police on Lesvo...

3. Join the Information Point for Les...

4. Download WhatsApp to your pho...

5. READ READ READ...

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Last update 30 March 2016

## Information for Volunteers on Lesbos

**UPDATE March 30: Following the EU-Turkey deal, the situation on Lesbos has slowed down significantly. There is still help needed, mostly related to infrastructure and environmental cleanup. But there are still refugees on the island (and arriving) who need support. This document currently includes general needs for remaining groups.**

For specific needs, as well as information about other places in Greece in need of support, please see the document [www.bit.ly/confusedvolunteers](http://www.bit.ly/confusedvolunteers), and join the Facebook group [Confused Volunteers](#) for latest info.

**There is still help needed, and this document will help you with the specifics of Lesbos, and with more general aspects of volunteering, even if you go elsewhere.**

Please note that the information and contacts provided here are purely to help you decide whether you are physically and mentally able to travel to Lesbos to help. The authors of this document (or, for that matter, any volunteer group working on Lesbos) can accept no liability for your decision or the outcome of your decision. Volunteering is entirely at your own risk. You will need to be responsible for your own personal safety and to fund

# Additional Resources

- Aitran's blog
  - <https://lifetranning.wordpress.com/2016/01/24/lessons-from-leros/>
- Charlotte's blog
  - <http://www.therebelheart.com/charlottes-blog/>
- Information for Volunteers (Google Doc)
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fhy55KRvfXG3PDj2oUKt9Agi58spQUH4vebA4S9\\_shc/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fhy55KRvfXG3PDj2oUKt9Agi58spQUH4vebA4S9_shc/edit)

Questions?