



Country Coats

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Help displaced Syrians in and around Syria survive the winter

Look at the picture above – it shows the reality of a Syrian winter for people who have had to flee their homes with only the clothes that they were wearing. People, many from farming communities, who want nothing more than simply to go home and rebuild their lives.

Look at the rack of coats beside your back door. How many warm, waterproof coats are there that you never use: spare 2nd or 3rd coats that you don't need; coats that your family have outgrown? How many other people do you know who also have surplus coats?

Coats just gathering cobwebs in the UK could be saving lives in Syria this winter instead.

We would like your YFC Branch to organise a collection of coats which we, in association with established charity Syria Relief (www.syriarelief.org.uk), will then arrange to have shipped directly out to the region, to be given to people in desperate need.

The process is easy:

- 1) Decide to have a collection and let us know by filling in the form on our website: www.countrycoats2syria.org.uk
- 2) Publicise the collection to your Members. We can supply draft messages.
- 3) Deliver your coats to your regional collection centre (we will let you know where it is in due course).

You should aim to have your coats collected by January 24th. (But do it as early as you can. Don't delay, because winter won't...)

We are also seeking help running our regional collection centres. If any Clubs or county committees might be able to help in this regard, we would love to hear from you (this would involve having a team of volunteers available on a set day to sort and bag coats from the region).

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP INNOCENT PEOPLE IN SYRIA HELP THEMSELVES

"CountryCoats2Syria is a fantastic initiative, which sees the rural community coming together to offer a practical response to the humanitarian crisis in Syria.

"With winter fast approaching, the simple gift of a coat could make a real difference to people on the ground. I wish the initiative every success and hope everyone will give generously." – **The Rt. Hon Liz Truss MP, Secretary of State for DEFRA**



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