

Lesbos Learning Tour

September 11 - 19, 2020



The German Mennonite Peace Committee (DMFK) has been active on Lesbos since 2014. DMFK was engaged in the work with refugees on the island even before the first large influx of asylum-seekers in 2015, and helped to initiate the programme of solidarity and support for persons seeking their legal right to asylum and protection in Europe. The practical team work is carried out in cooperation with Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT).

More than 60 NGOs are active on the island, most of which are engaged in humanitarian work like reception, food and non-food item distribution, cleaning, education and social activities. The special feature of CPT's work is the engagement in human rights work: advocacy for the many disenfranchised persons who are waiting for an asylum hearing, the documentation of human rights violations, and community building with groups that exercise

nonviolent resistance.

DMFK offers this study trip so that European citizens can gain direct experience of the conditions and complexities of this ongoing European crisis. Participants will meet with refugees, local citizens and activists in the vicinity of Mytilene; they will visit the refugee camps at Moria and Pika as well as various programme sites set up for the persons confined to the island. The local team will also provide insight into CPT's practical work and the strategic concept of Undoing Oppressions.

Registration and Costs

Registration and further information about the study tour is available through the tour leader, Dr. James Jakob Fehr, +49 179 5500 373, fehr@dmfk.de.

Costs are 780 € per person, including board and lodging (double room), not including travel costs to the island. Participants should organise their own flight or ferry trip to Mytilene and will be picked up at the airport or harbour.

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Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) with offices in Chicago, USA offers learning tours to the existing programme locations in Lesbos, Iraq, Palestine and Colombia. Further information: www.cpt.org.



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