



AN INTERVIEW WITH REFUGEES FROM LESVOS

- ✚ The refugees we talked to in our last communication have been living in Greece from 1 up to 10 years.
- ✚ We mainly wanted to communicate with them, to make them feel that we care.
- ✚ Also, we wanted to know the reasons that made them become refugees.
- ✚ War appears as the main reason for many of them to leave their country.
- ✚ War is a traumatic experience, they seemed unwilling to refer to it in detail.

REFUGEE'S ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS

- How do you feel about living in Mytilini, also would you like to tell us about how people treat you here?

“ Mytilini for me is my second motherland, I love this island and I respect everyone here, I love the people living here and they love me too.”

“Here, you have peace.”

- ✚ We asked a woman if she has ever felt being in danger and her answer was no, she never had that feeling she feels safe and she doesn't want to leave Greece, she likes our country.

➤ **Why did you decide to leave your country and come to Greece?**

“We came here for a better future.”

“There is war in our country”

“War, that is the reason”

➤ **You came here with your family or alone?**

“I came here with my brother who is married to a Greek woman

➤ **How did you feel at first, were you excited to start a new life to an entirely different place or you were afraid and unhappy because you didn't know how everything was about to evolve?**

“When I first came, what I did was to burst out crying I didn't know where I would live, I mean a house ,I didn't have anything to eat, but some people were willing to give me a place to live and give me food. As long as I've been living here, I've met only good people. After a while I had started feeling like home. I found a job at a factory. There I work from 8 in the morning till 5pm, after that, I go to school.”

➤ **How is your life here now?**

“We are having a normal life here. We have friends who are Greeks and Albanians. Everything is normal.


➤ **Would you prefer being here with your parents or you like living alone?**

I prefer living alone because I am free, I can do whatever I like without having my mum or my dad calling me all the time and asking me when I am going home, I like my freedom. I can go for a drink without having a specific time to go back home.



Is school difficult for you?

Teachers are helping us a lot at school and make everything seem easier, we love the fact that we have the opportunity to learn.

 **We promised to keep in touch.**

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