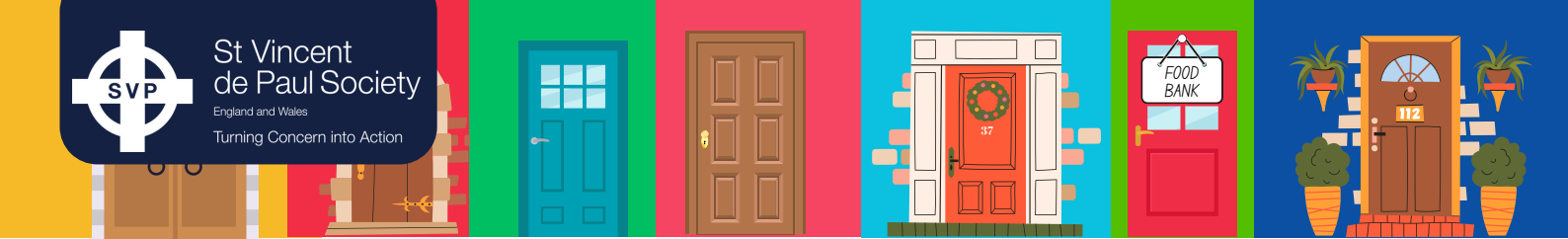




**St Vincent
de Paul Society**
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action



Writing a letter to your MP: A Time for Hope

We're so excited that you're getting involved in our Lenten campaign, A Time for Hope! This is a really important action that helps spread awareness and make a difference. The SVP has given you a letter template to send to your MP. Just make sure to read through it and add in the details for your group, like your MP's name and your school or parish. If you have time you could fill out the "Door Hangers of Hope" to send with the letter! Your participation really matters so whatever you choose to do is really important. Don't forget to share your news with us!

Dear

We are constituents from

Thank you for all you do to support our local community. Your work makes a real difference to the lives of many.

Here at , we have joined the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in learning about the challenges asylum seekers face when they are given refugee status in this country.

We learnt that the government has recently changed its policy on the number of days refugees have to find permanent accommodation before the government support is stopped. This used to be 7 days, which later increased to 28 days, and now it is 56 days. This change gives many people hope, but we believe hope doesn't need to be temporary.

We are informed that the policy is a temporary measure until June 2025 and are writing to ask that this policy is made permanent.

We would like to see this made permanent to give all refugees the hope of a brighter future, one that is safe and secure in knowing that they will not end up homeless.

We would really appreciate your help in raising this issue in parliament, because we believe that everybody deserves a home.

We have included some examples of the ways we are bringing hope to others, and we would like to see you take action and do the same on this topic.

Every blessing in Christ, through St Vincent,

Name of your MP

For example: Mr J Smith MP

Name of your school/parish

Introduction

This is where your letter explains why you are writing. Don't forget to add in your school/parish again.

Main Body

This section tells the MP all about our campaign and what you've been learning. This is the time when we can express what further changes we would like to see.

Conclusion

We've asked them to take action and summarised our main points to make one final plea for their help. It's also your turn to share with them on your separate "Door hanger of Hope" what action you are taking.

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