

First : Mary's presentation :

Mary Finn is a 24 year-old English woman who militates in Greece, Libya and Turkey for migrants' situation in Europe.

This young activist has been rescuing migrants since 2016 when she was only 18 and hasn't stopped ever since!

It all started in 2016 when Mary decided to go to a photography internship in Greece.

But as soon as she landed in Lesbos and heard about how many refugees were risking their lives to run away from their country, Mary couldn't help but put the camera down and take action and save these people's lives.

But, more than saving lives at sea, Mary is also denouncing a major political issue : migration !

Second : Present their commitment

Yes indeed Léana ! Migration is a big problem nowadays that our leaders don't consider. As Mary said, *"We shouldn't be here, saving lives. It should be the government's and the coast guards' responsibility. But they do not care about that and, without humanitarian organizations, thousands of other people would be dead in the sea."*

Her role is to be the eyes of the sea. She is there to help migrants crossing the Mediterranean sea in cheap boats, wearing bad quality life jackets.

Can you imagine Léana ?!

Yes ! Running away from war, food problems, political issues with only one little boat and a life jacket which are less resistant. All of these reasons pushed Mary to take action and to testify and make people aware of the refugee situation in Europe.

Talking about raising awareness, she was part of the “Bigger than us” documentary, presenting 7 young activists militating for different causes all around the world

Mary is a really striking person. That is why we chose to present her today and to make you discover her story and her intentions for a better world.

Thanks to her, we have realized how many refugees there were but most of all, she has opened our eyes on what is ACTUALLY happening in the world right now.

Exactly personally, I have never thought of how many migrants were risking their lives everyday and that is what Mary really taught me.

Yes, you're right. For me it was the life jacket graveyard which made me realize the heart breaking number of people who are risking their lives in the sea. Talking about this, Mary said something really interesting. If we ask her what she would tell Emmanuel Macron and Boris Johnson if they were in front of her, guess what she would say? That she would like to put them in a plane and bring them to Lesbos in the life jacket graveyard or in a refugee camp, because it's impossible not to feel sadness, love or compassion for these people.

This is why we chose her, because she's making us realize the consequences of migration in the past few years and how important it is to take action. Because, as she said : if we all start to do something, even a little action, the world will become a little better.