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The immigration policy of the Social Liberal Party

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Danish immigration policy has become a theatre of scaremongering in which fear is evoked, and in which no one bothers with constructive solutions. We are driven by ambitions. Not fear. We want to abandon the policies that are harmful to integration, create poverty and set up divisions and mistrust among people. We seek solutions, not scaremongering. Denmark has room for diversity. Foreigners can contribute a lot and must – just as everyone else – be met with both demands and expectations.

Responsibility in the refugee crisis

Throwing suspicion on people, setting up border checkpoints and introducing demeaning cutbacks make matters worse – with respect to integration and people fleeing. We want to change the conversation relating to the refugee crisis. The conversation must be about people, and the aim is successful integration which enables refugees to take care of themselves. We want to abandon the jewellery law and the three year wait for family reunification for refugees of war. We want to replace border checkpoints with cooperation in Europe. Border control has caused several hundred police officers to be missing from their local precincts. This reduces the chances that the police have of solving crime and gives the trades and industries a hard time. It reduces the sense of security Danes feel, and it reduces our wealth. Instead, we need to control the outer borders of Europe and concentrate our efforts on developing a joint refugee distribution system in Europe. And we want to resume the admission of quota refugees in Denmark

Integration from day 1

We must succeed in integrating people better than we have so far – and the effort cannot wait. Good integration is created when civil society, the municipalities and businesses work together in handling this important task. It is at the local level that successful integration occurs - when the specific task is addressed and the watchwords and ideologies that dominate the national debate are forgotten. We want to rethink the integration efforts so that asylum seekers are not kept inactive in asylum centres. They must be activated immediately, and the starting point must be the resources they already have. This is why we want to allow asylum seekers to work from day 1, and we want to assure that the mapping of their skills happen at the asylum centre, so that a plan for the upgrading of their skills can be laid and trainee positions in a corporate environment can be made available. Refugees are extremely motivated to build a new future. They are used to supporting themselves. They must not be made into clients but given a stepping stone into the work force.

Abandonment of integration benefits

Integration benefits send people into poverty. It creates a deficit where a surplus is needed, and it prevents refugees from taking an active part in Danish society. At the same time, it is costly to the municipalities that must ensure that refugees are able to pay their rent and have a minimum subsistence level. This is why we want to abandon the integration benefits – alongside the cash benefits and the 225-hour rule.