**#GeschwisterGehörenZusammen (in English “Siblings belong together”) campaign**

You also think that siblings belong together, and that no child should live without their parents and siblings? Then take action with us!

Imagine that you have been living separated from your siblings – for years. You don´t know when and whether you will see them ever again. This is the reality for many children and young people who arrived in Germany without their parents. Having arrived in Germany and been granted refugee status, they can reunite with their parents, but their siblings cannot join them. We want to change that now!

**Let´s use the momentum!**

By the end of the year, the new German Federal Government wants to present a draft bill to amend the Residency Bill. Together we should take this opportunity to put pressure on the politicians: they should make sure that unaccompanied refugee children and young people have the right to reunite with their underage siblings.

**Take action!**

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Contact your local MP

1. Send an email to your local MP: download [the email template](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.tdh.de%2Ffileadmin%2Fuser_upload%2Finhalte%2F04_Was_wir_tun%2FThemen%2FKrieg_und_Flucht%2FE-Mail-Vorlage_-__GeschwisterGehoerenZusammen.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)
2. Use the same template and ask your local MP what they are doing to ensure that unaccompanied refugee children´s and young people´s right to reunite with their underage siblings is codified and implemented. You can simply do that on the following website: [www.abgeordnetenwatch.de](https://www.abgeordnetenwatch.de/). [Contact your MP now!](https://www.abgeordnetenwatch.de/profile)

Take part in our social media action!

1. Post a photo of yourself together with your sibling(s) and the hashtag #GeschwisterGehörenZusammen.
2. Tag two of your friends who need to take part in the challenge.
3. You could also describe why your sibling is important for you and why you want refugee children and young people to have the right to live together with their siblings in Germany.
4. You could also tag [your local MP](https://www.bundestag.de/abgeordnete) in your post.

**More information about the issue**

In Germany, unaccompanied minors who have been granted refugee status have the right to reunite with their parents. However, they don´t have the right to bring their underage siblings to Germany – that is legally only allowed in very special situations. This legal hurdle could for example force one parent to join their child in Germany and the other to stay behind in their home country with their other child or children. As a result, families are sometimes separated for years.

In cases where unaccompanied minor refugees lost their parents on the way or they cannot be reunited with them, it is even more difficult for refugee children and young people to reunite with their underage siblings in Germany. Therefore it´s crucial that they have the right to reunification with their underage siblings, independent from their parents.