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REFUGEES WELCOME



- Refugees Welcome was founded in **2014** by a group of young people in Berlin who wanted to do something practical to help refugees. Since then, its projects are springing up across Europe.
- **Italy** is welcoming refugees with open doors since mid-November **2015**. **Palermo** and **Catania** are the two Sicilian cities which are part of the network.
- The primary aim is to match accommodation offers to refugees needing a home and there are just few steps to follow: sign up as host; get to know the refugee wanting to be a guest; if you're both happy you can start the initial trial!
- So far, they have matched **1.117 refugees** to shared flats!

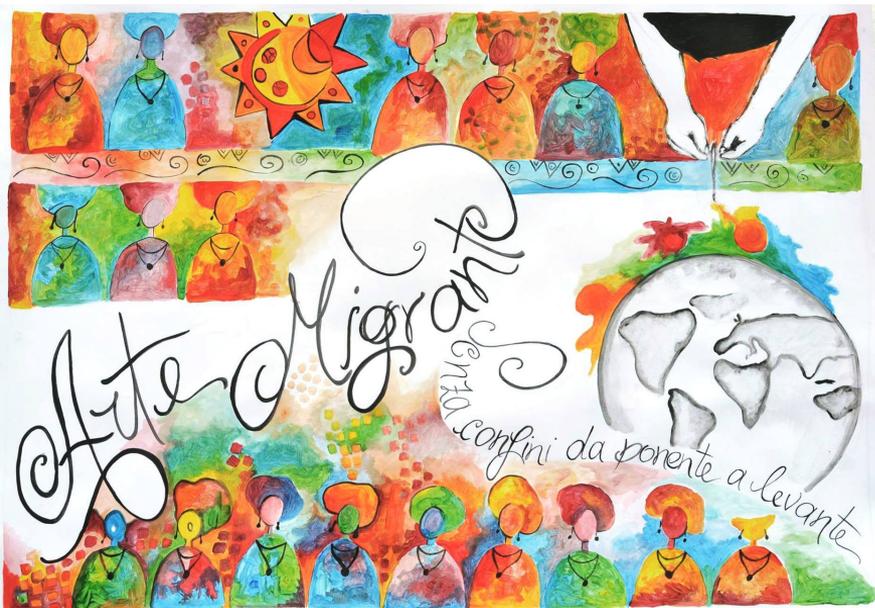




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ARTE MIGRANTE

- The project began in Bologna in **2012** with the aim of **promoting inclusion and social integration through art**, by organising regular gatherings to provide common spaces for artistic exchanges.
- Currently, there are seventeen Arte Migrante groups within Italy and two in Europe.
- These meetings have taken place in **Palermo** since January **2016**, every other Friday, mainly at the Santa Chiara Oratory in the Ballarò district, but also in other historical landmarks throughout the city.
- Theater, dance, music, crafts and painting, English language, Italian language for foreigners, computer science ... These are some of the activities implemented during the workshops which are free and open to all!





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CENTRO ASTALLI



- Centro Astalli Palermo is a voluntary association that is part of the territorial network of the Jesuit Refugee Service in Italy: their values and mission include defending the rights, integration and inclusion of non-EU immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.
- It was founded in **2003** as an Italian school run by a group of volunteers from the Christian Life Community at the CEI - Ignatian Education Center.
- In **2006** it was inaugurated in the historic district of Ballarò where with the help of people who put their time and skills at their disposal for free.
- It offers a wide range of services, depending on the needs of the beneficiaries: they ranges from social and health services to work, bureaucracy and legal assistance.



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LISCA BIANCA



- The Association was founded in **2014**, 30 years after the boat set sail from Sicily for the first time
- The project is aimed at **promoting the social and employment inclusion of disadvantaged young people**, through the restoration of the 'Lisca Bianca', a symbol of the Mediterranean culture.
- The beneficiaries of the intervention are young people in difficulty and/or at risk of deviance who are hosted in communities for minors, first-time reception facilities, communities for drug addicts, aggregative centres, psychic and physical disabilities, and young prisoners.
- Among the projects implemented we can mention the 'Erasmus+ Moving Towards Inclusion: training opportunities in a European inclusive economy' whose aim was to encourage and promote the acquisition of practical knowledge and pedagogical skills of vocational education as well as training professionals.



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SAAMA

Strategie di Accompagnamento
all'Autonomia per Minori Accolti

- In 2016, 13 public and private entities with experience in social inclusion, networking, and good integration of migrants systemized their resources and skills to help unaccompanied foreign minors
- They started with the project “Ragazzi Harraga” and continued with “**SAAMA** (“Strategies of Guidance to Autonomy for Hosted Minors”), which means ‘**tomorrow**’ in the Mandinka language. **A tomorrow that must be funded on the sharing and protection of rights for every human being.**
- The aim of the project is to achieve this idea of a bright tomorrow by taking care of those boys and girls arriving in Italy as **unaccompanied migrant children**, giving value to their talents and skills, as well as by supporting them
- They operate both in the metropolitan areas and in the small centres of the district of the Juvenile Court of Palermo, including the provinces of Agrigento and Trapani
- SAAMA is based on two main pillars: a) consolidating an **educating community** able to activate a **social change** through the mutual sharing of information, methods, and work tools to build strong relationships of proximity, participation, and contrasts **against all forms of discrimination**; b) defining **individual pathways** that strengthen the social, human and psychological assets of young migrants, encouraging their **entry and permanence in the labour market.**