



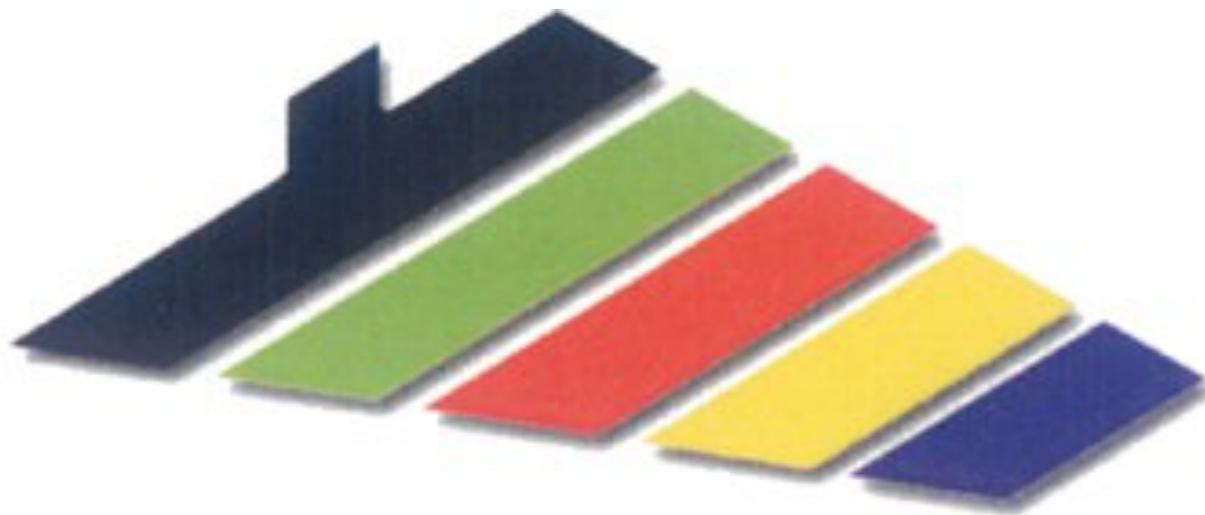
GOOD PRACTICES FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Italy

CASA A COLORI

- “Casa a Colori” was created in 1992 as an initiative of a group of volunteers from “Istituto Scalabrini” of Bassano del Grappa
- It operates to give concrete help to immigrants in the Bassano del Grappa area
- It provides accommodation and useful courses to help with the integration of immigrants
- They are located in Bassano del Grappa town hall

Find more on <http://www.casacolori.org>



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I don't believe in the term integration. It seems like you're forcing someone to fit in. I believe in dialogue and human relations.”

–*Enrico Parolin*

(founder of Casa a Colori)

INTERVIEW TO ENRICO PAROLIN

- “I believe in Europe and a globalized world. It is impossible to approach this new reality close minded.”
- “I believe in the importance of historical memory. Otherwise we lose our identity and we struggle to understand the present situation.”
- “Migrants are currently working to pay our retirements. They are helpful, not an obstacle.”
- “To provide support to all is important, but with rights, duties come as well. It is necessary to have regulations regarding migrants and refugees.”
- “We are talking about 4/5th generations of migrants, some of them even speak our dialect, how can we still talk about social division?”

ACTIVITIES OF “CASA A COLORI” INCLUDE:

- Internships available to migrants to help them get used to the job market.
- Trainings providing skills useful to various jobs (e.g.: pizza makers, cooks, bakers, etc..)
- Literacy courses
- IT course
- Accommodation and assistance (they are currently hosting 55 migrants)
- Bike repairing shops (where professionals teach migrants how to repair their own bikes, which are their preferred mean of transport)
- “Casa a Colori” owns fields to sustain agriculture and social cooperation



Here we can see a training course on apiculture, a dance festival called “Migrant bodies” and the support office



AMICI DEL VILLAGGIO

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- “Amici dei Villaggio” is a no-profit organization that is committed to the promotion of human rights, with particular attention to children and youth.
- It also provides help to migrant and disadvantaged children and adults.
- It is based in Rosà.

Find more on <http://amicidelvillaggio.blogspot.com>

ACTIVITIES OF “AMICI DEL VILLAGGIO”:

- “Aiuto compiti” is a peer-education activity that involves youth workers who tutor children of migrants (attending primary school) while they do their homework.
- “Primavera a colori” (“Spring of colour”) is an initiative aimed to understand the many cultures present in the municipality and to facilitate integration among people coming from different countries. During the event many activities are organized, for example intercultural food tasting, arts and crafts and social games.
- Italian language courses for migrant mothers, who are often alienated from society.



WOMEN FOR FREEDOM

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WOMEN FOR FREEDOM operates through the following essential principles:

- ▶ Independence: the aid is free and unconditional and it cannot be manipulated by economic or political organizations.
- ▶ Impartiality: it offers help to women and children as human beings without any kind of ideological, political or religious discrimination.
- ▶ Sustainability: it offers to the partners the opportunity to gain social and economic growth through programs of self-development and self-generation of income, to create sustainability and not “dependency”.
- ▶ Visibility: they bear witness to “hidden” and unacceptable acts as the exploitation of women and children, and human trafficking.
- ▶ Accountability: they are committed to regularly evaluate their work and they take the responsibility to inform their supporters about their activities.
- ▶ Transparency: they believe in the transparency within the finance management as well as concerning their field activities. They invite all their supporters to have full knowledge of their projects.

Find more on <http://www.womenforfreedom.org/en/>

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Ready to fight for **freedom.**”

–*Women for Freedom*

ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN FOR FREEDOM

- They work on projects for the prevention of human trafficking and domestic violence, schooling support, micro-credit and trainings.
- They support and follow the start-up of income generating activities.
- They promote **advocacy** campaigns to fully include women in the social, economic and political spheres.
- They carry out **awareness and witnessing activities** related to violence, atrocities and forgot injustices that nobody wants to notice, in order to reestablish the respect for women, for children and for their rights.

Their activities are focused in Nepal, India, Cameroon and Romania:

- **NEPAL: WOMEN FOR FREEDOM**, in collaboration with **WOMEN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**, fights against gender discrimination by supporting the partner's activities: training on effective savings and credit methods, social advocacy, income generating activities, education for single women and their children, building of first-aid centres for victims of violence. Just days after the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal on April 25th, 2015, **WOMEN FOR FREEDOM** sent to the partner first-aid kits, water tanks and emergency shelters for the disaster's survivors. When the winter came, they provided blankets and warm clothes for women and children. They are currently running projects regarding education, micro-financing, first-aid for women in need.
- **CAMEROON**: At the beginning of 2014 the **SERDIF** contacted **WOMEN FOR FREEDOM** asking for support for a project that aimed to provide the school of Metio with desks and other material. It was the beginning of a strong collaboration. Thanks to its supporters, **WOMEN FOR FREEDOM** and **SERDIF** launched the **LESER** project (Latrine et Education Sanitaire dans les Ecoles Rurales – Toilets and hygiene educations in the rural schools), which is currently expanding to a growing number of schools in the area. We build toilets and drinking water facilities while our local partner encourages behavior change techniques, including activities to increase awareness on good hygiene practices.
- **ROMANIA**: starting from 2015, **WOMEN FOR FREEDOM** supports the **Caminul Francesco Foundation** to help the Romanian women and children. Thanks to the funds they collect during our events in Italy, they send to our local partners the money needed to buy school supplies, food, furnitures. Part of the funds is also destined to pay the professionals who work at the Foundation.

