



Città di Imola

SERN – GENERALASSEMBLY

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Seminar “Migrants and the local community”

19th May 2017

The experiences of the City of Imola

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Statute of the Municipality of Imola – article 3 clause 5

The Municipality of Imola promotes the peaceful cohabitation among all cultures and religious faiths within the community, by fostering their integration and removing the inequalities; it defends the rights of all citizens and residents, giving specific attention to weaker subjects, and to imbalanced and exclusion situations.

THE INTERCULTURE AND INTEGRATION COUNCIL BOARD

- The Interculture and Integration Council Board promotes opportunities among citizens of the city of Imola who are keen to share ideas and proposals.
- It facilitates mutual knowledge among people, implements relations and exchanges, promotes the participation to the public life through new methods and new points of view, by sharing choices and life paths.

INTEGRATION IS...

- *A Process* produced by modern society, starting from the mutual meeting of a lot of persons and culture even distant, that contributed to a peaceful and democratic life
- *Changing societies* because made by persons
- Mutually interiorized and accepted *changes*, considered as an opportunity
- *New persons* adding new things that were missing
- *Cohesion* between strengths and skills giving completeness to our societies

WE TALK ABOUT OF INTERCULTURE BECAUSE...

- we are interested in relationships among people
- as to us “inter” means “among”, that is shared relationships among people
- with the word “culture” we means values and lifestyles that we respect and we acknowledge, even if they are different from ours, because they are part of the world we live in

THE INTERCULTURE AND INTEGRATION COUNCIL BOARD PROMOTES:

- shared knowledges and exchanges
- interaction and integration
- reciprocity
- participation

HOW THE COUNCIL BOARD WORKS

- It fosters the dialogue, exchange and meeting among all citizens
- It submits proposals to the Council Administration and can give opinions about topic of its knowledge
- It is a tool of participation within the civil life of the town
- It observes local frame work and promotes opportunities to improve dialogue and mutual knowledge among citizens belonging to different cultures
- It works through the General Assembly, the Coordinator and the Vice Coordinator
- It remains in office for 5 years
- Participation within the Council Board about Interculture and Integration is on a voluntary basis and free of charge

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSISTS OF:

- social promotion associations and volunteer organisations which works in the field of immigrations, intercultural and integration activities
- self nominated citizens
- Self nominations are as follows: 25 citizens and 10 associations

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENT PEOPLE IN IMOLA (31/12/2016)

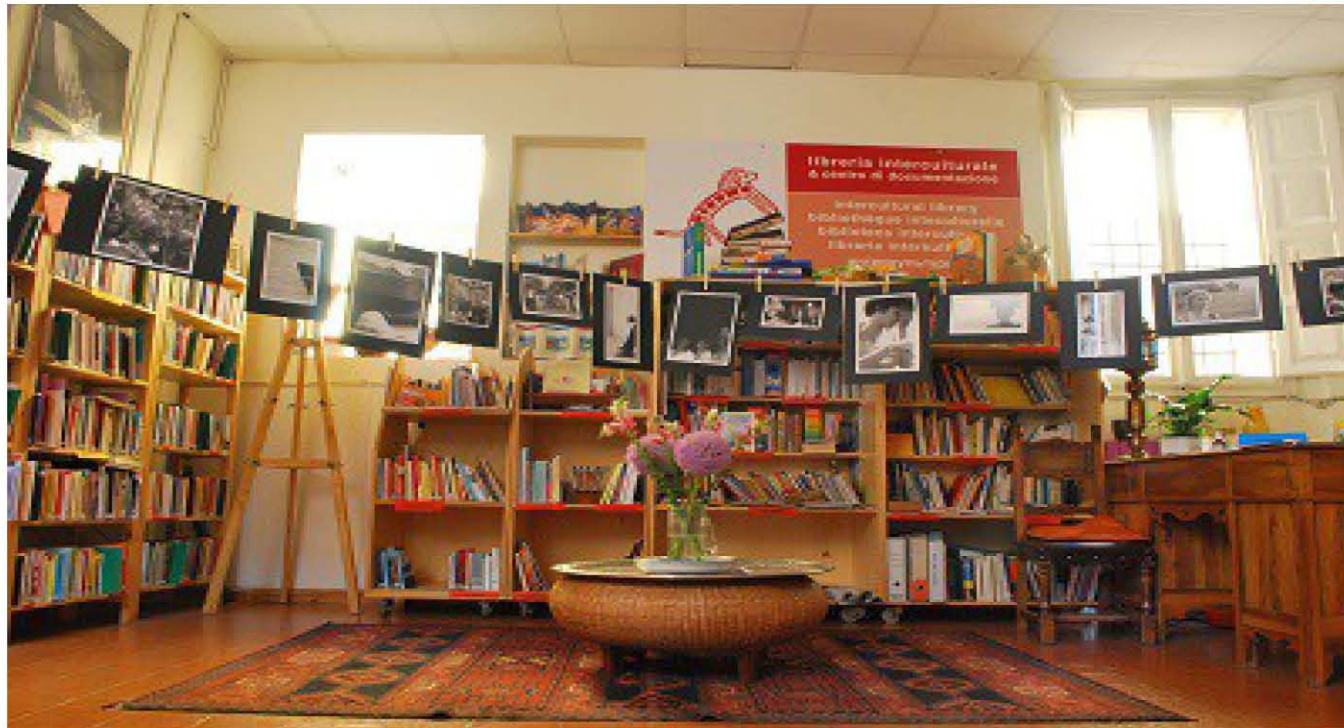
- Total number of resident people: 69.951
- Total number of foreign men: 3.172
- Total number of foreign women: 4.006
(55,8% over total foreigners)
- **Total number of foreign residents: 7.178
(10,3% over the whole population)**

THE CURRENT SITUATION ABOUT REFUGEES (CAS e SPRAR)**

- Associazione Trama di Terre (women only): CAS 23 guests, SPRAR 6 guests
- Cooperativa Sociale Camelot (men only): CAS 50 guests SPRAR 15 guests
- Cooperativa Sociale Solco Prossimo (men only): CAS 30 guests

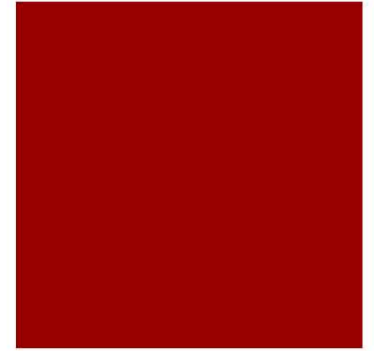
** CAS (Additional Reception Centres) established on the basis of an agreement with the Prefettura di Bologna.

** SPRAR (Refugee and Asylum Seekers Protection System) which is a programme of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Italian Government. Local Councils take part in SPRAR programme by voluntary participation to the network. They run “integrated” hospitality projects: it means not only room and board but also information and assistance building together individual paths towards autonomy.



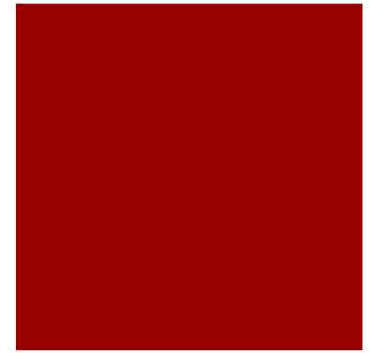
Trama di terre (Weave of Lands)

is a feminist association, set up in 1997 in Imola (Italy), by a group of women from different backgrounds, most of the founders and the members are of migrant origin.



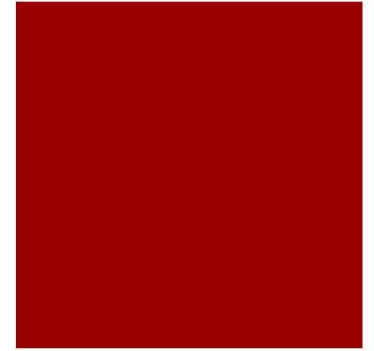
- **Trama di Terre** provides a range of advice and support services to women:
- An **intercultural centre**;
- an **antiviolence centre** and 2 safehouses;
- a **housing programme** for women and children in need;
- two **reception projects for refugee** and asylum seeking women

Women refugees at Trama di terre



- Trama di Terre provides to:
 - ✓ housing, health and economic support, legal aid and psychosocial care along the asylum procedure;
 - ✓ advocacy with politicians, health services, training centres, universities etc. to improve aid efficiency to asylum seekers at local, regional and national level and to take women's specific needs into account. (sanitary agreement to recognize the specific health needs of women asylum seekers; training for health and social professionals in relation to women's refugee issues, etc.; facilitated access to the recognition of study titles for asylum seekers; etc.)
 - ✓ activities both addressed to women's refugees and to civil society to raise awareness on VAW in migration contexts, with a focus on refugee women;

Sanitary Agreement among Trama di Terre, Imola Municipality and Local Health



The sanitary Agreement care was signed in 2016.

It provides:

- Registration with National Health Service since the person presents the request of international protection, whether or not he/she received the first temporary permit to stay.
- Exoneration from the payment of medical visits and health services during all the procedure of asylum seeking, for those asylum seekers that are in condition of indigence.
- Implement the Health system in order to guarantee specific visits to evaluate the presence of torture, violence, persecution's indicators.
- Implementation of local health services and implementation of staff's training as regards specific needs of refugees and women that experienced violence.

Photo exhibition

*Invisible Faces, Photos by Francesco Francaviglia,
18 June-31 July 2016, Imola*



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*March Against VAW, 26 November 2016,
Rome (Italy)*



THE “IMOLA CULTURE” PROJECT