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# LA Comunità is a Cooperative Type A

Cooperativa Sociale La Comunità, are a services cooperative, active since 1979

We deal with social service education and assistance for minors, young adults and support paths for unprotected

- In the Genoese area the coop manages interventions and services:

- Residential communities for children and teenagers
- Social and educational center for children and teenagers
- Educational deliveries
- individual fostering education and area education
- Pedagogical counselling and advice
- Mediation and advice for work
- Family counselling
- Social mediation and advice for families

And we collaborate as a network to create Social and cultural initiatives

# OUR MISSION

La Comunità exists since 1979

We, Cooperativa Sociale La Comunità, are a services cooperative,  
which works in the personal services field  
and which is specialized in educational intervention addressed  
to children and teenagers

SERVICES

INTERNAL  
RELATIONS

QUALITY  
OF SOCIAL  
WORK

EXTERNAL  
COLLABORATIONS



Educativa  
Territoriale  
Central east

# OUR SERVICES

Family  
Space

Crèche La Gabbianella

MUNICIPALITIES of  
MID VAL BISAGNO

MUNICIPALITIES of  
CENTRAL EASTERN

Day services area

Residential Communities  
For minors

MUNICIPALITIES of  
EAST

MUNICIPALITIES of  
Lower VALBISAGNO

Social and educational center  
For young

C.A.G.  
LINK

fostering



# Main goals and objectives

Increase social link between young and between adults

Give the possibility to young people and adults to become aware of their capacities and to develop their personality

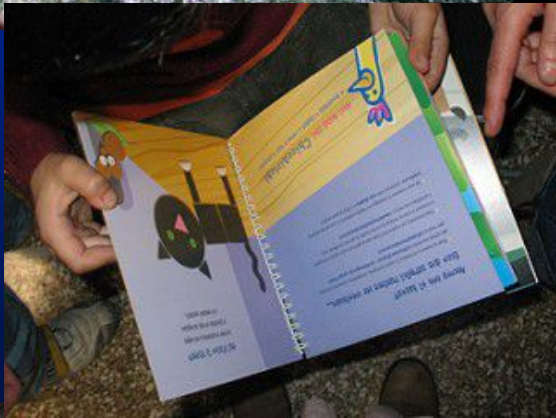
Acces in leisures sports and artistic activities

Offer possibility of developing new communication and expression techniques  
e-learning  
increase sociality /aggregation/ formation/  
increase sport/ healt/prevention

**FORMATION TO THE CITIZENSHIP**



# Photos of the activities





# Photos of the activities: link









# Photos of the activities: e.t. central east



# LOCAL CONTEXT

## Areas of La Comunità intervention :

At the moment we offer, in affiliation with Genoa City Council or other public and private bodies, a detailed range of educational opportunities and training for children, teenagers and adults:

- Residential communities for children and teenagers
- Social and educational center for children and teenagers
- Educational deliveries
- Program and management of professional training course for children and teenagers
- Management, in collaboration with the volunteer association ALPIM, of a protected laboratory for teenagers observed by the Minors Court
- Listening services, support and advice for adolescents and young people
- Training courses, and professional training and placement projects for young people and adults
- Family counseling

# Characteristics of Comunita's areas



Our users have normally the following kind of disadvantage:

- \* Cultural Resistance to change
- \* Poor knowledge of local services disposal on our territory
- \* Lack of ambition and self-esteem, discouragement and aims giving up
- \* Cultural and/or Economical Lack
- \* Disadvantage condition determined by gender and familiar conditions.



# La COMUNITA' and the project

**Let's Do It Better**

**POPULAR  
EDUCATION**

**SOCIAL  
MEDIATION**

# Popolar Education

Everybody knows.  
In every person there is to know  
always different  
from others' knowlwdge

P. Freire

The popular education is making waves in the newspaper by sharing and the contamination of knowledge among children, teens and adults, adult-adult.

The principles upon which the educational work within the cooperative relate to:

- Peer education
- networking
- Genealogy
- And learning by doing

*The use of Peer Education (Peer Education) identifies an educational strategy designed to trigger a spontaneous process of transfer of knowledge, emotions and experiences from some members of a group to other members of equal status. The Peer Education is a valid and effective instrument, capable, among other things, to develop and strengthen cognitive skills and social skills of individuals, and also to enhance the educational function of the group.*

# Social Mediation



*Mediation is life itself:  
It is returned to the individual his dignity  
And an active role in society through its  
Participation incessant transformation  
Of human suffering and disorder*  
J MORINEAU

*Social mediation is a cross disciplinary theme through all the sectors of our work with young and adults.*

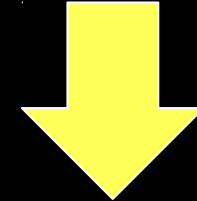
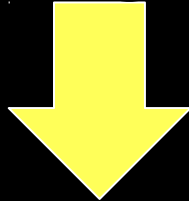
*Social mediation privileged:*

- listening (and the needs expressed and unexpressed needs of / for children and adults)*
- to promote a harmonious and conscious personal growth through the stimulus to reflection on their experiences;*
- where opportunities to have an incentive to the development of creativity and taste for research;*
- create moments in which the promotion of individuals or groups, to empower staff and the acquisition of social skills that foster self*
- organization in its own context;*

*La Comunità manages "Comunicando", a counselling service and an educational accompaniment for minors in surveillance and in an environment of a difficult parental separation.*



# Strengths and Weaknesses



*It 'a constructive way of being together,  
experimenting with new technologies and creating  
virtuous relationships  
through the sharing and transmission of knowledge.  
Working together to achieve goals  
facilitates the formation of a group.  
Yet we believe that teamwork, self help,  
non-formal education,  
supplemented by the presence of professionals,  
give good feedback about it.  
Many parents expected a continuation of this  
experience but this is not feasible at this time  
Favour active listening behaviour  
Value difference*

*Lack of support and recognition  
of institution  
Lack of economic resources  
The resources available  
are very restricted  
The economic crisis  
shrinks too much resources  
around the urgent tasks  
and situations of overt risk*