



Origins and aims

Colore, an association set up in April 1997, was funded with a view to meeting the need to create social places. Its main aim has always been to conceive a place where it is possible to promote a series of activities which encourage social integration as well as the diffusion of culture and solidarity. Since January 1998 *Colore* has been working within an area conceded by the Town Council of Milan.

The place, which is located in via Moncucco 29 – MM2 Romolo-Famagosta, in the southern district of Milan, is partially an ancient XVIII century farmstead and partially an ex workshop. It has been restored, remoulded and turned into a centre for social and cultural promotion. Our ultimate aim is to offer a meeting point that encourages the improvement of the quality in the nearest districts, trying at the same time to contribute to a positive and constructive development of social relationships.

What we do

Colore has become part of the life of the district community, turning into an enriching element for the liveableness of the area. It has created a meeting place which meets the need for spaces where it is possible to cultivate artistic expression and sociability through leisure activities for children, young people, adults and the elderly. Moreover, it gives everybody the possibility to express their own creativity, their projects and ideas within an open structure. In order to promote and realize initiatives and projects coherent with its identity, *Colore* cooperates and is constantly in touch with other social realities. At the moment we want to develop and empower our social and cultural activities. We want to eradicate ourselves in the life of community and become a reference point within the area. We propose and promote the active involvement of citizens in the everyday life of our Association. We also propose our social activities and projects to other city districts and especially to outsiders, developing and strengthening projects and activities with solidarity purpose. *Colore* encourages the “free bidding”, as a moment of reflection for its clients, and as an evaluative instrument so that everybody can contribute on the basis of their possibilities and conscience.

How we do it

The experimentation of a spontaneous path related to the civil and institutional society has given birth to a place that allows confrontation and cultural exchange among different people and realities.

We will try to go on this way with the intention of cultivating human and social relationships that rediscover what joins beyond the differences. We highlight the value of tolerance, respect of people and of nature, solidarity, non-violence, sociability, education, health, communication, culture and peace practice.