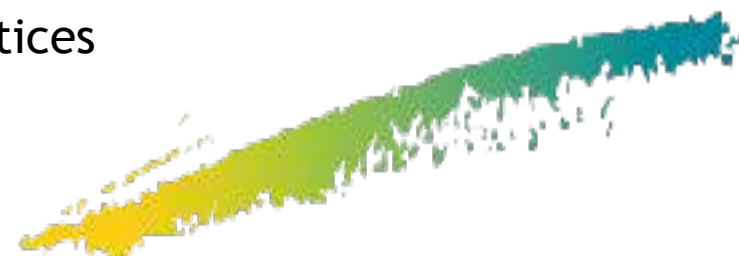




SOMETHING ABOUT SALGARI GARDENS IN BOLOGNA



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WHO WE ARE



Location: Bologna, San Donato - San Vitale District, Pilastro area; the largest vegetable Garden in Bologna, 420 plots.

Start date: the history of Orti Salgari date back to the late seventies, since then the gardens have grown in the city district and with the city district.

Legal framework: Non-Profit Association since 10 years, Association for social Promotion since 1 year, affiliate Metropolitan City of Bologna ANCeSCAO (National Association of Social Centers and Gardens), the Association is managed by a 9-member executive.

Main objectives: becoming real green squares

- places of meeting between people of different age, culture, conditions
- places where preserving and sharing memory
- places where to know and realize biodiversity
- places of healthy living
- places of being into nature



Activities:



WHAT WE DO

Key stakeholders: gardeners and their families, residents in Salgari street and nearby areas, citizens of Bologna, people with fragility (also cancer patients and their care givers), local Secondary School, Associations operating at Pilastro, University of Bologna, Healthcare System in Bologna, LILT (Italian League for Fighting against Tumor), ANCeSCAO, Metropolitan city of Bologna





INNOVATION & OUTCOMES

INNOVATION

- To keep the presence of an “active and intelligent” green in the city.
- To be a continuous stimulus to go beyond the boundaries, working about the awareness of being guardians of green land and biodiversity in the city.
- To be authoritative and active interlocutors with municipal officials regarding urban green areas and horticultural areas.
- To make our horticultural areas places of memory and knowledge of new biodiversity issues.
- To make gardens accessible by everyone, mainly people with fragility and disease.



& OUTCOMES

- Garden as a green square (convivial and dialogue moments)
- Therapeutic garden
- School garden
- Garden for everyone





MAIN OBSTACLES

- Economic problems mainly about extraordinary maintenance (restoration of water systems, etc)
- Volunteering crisis
- High turn over of the gardeners
- Poor communication with the other municipal vegetable gardens



& NEXT STEPS

- Restructuration of Salgari Gardens according to a more functional project that allows water saving and composting, and enhances common initiatives, school gardens and therapeutic gardens with adequate facilities (Redevelopment Project of the Suburbs).
- Construction of a wood-fired stone oven in Salgari gardens.
- Realization of a local seed market.
- Implementation of network with the other gardens in Bologna through a new project of communication of ANCeSCAO.
- “Coltura-cultura”: new transversal training project promoted by ANCeSCAO together with the Municipal Administration of Bologna, the Local Health Unit and the University.



Thanks!

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