

## **D.i.Re : ITALIAN NATIONAL NETWORK OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS**

### **Curriculum Vitae**

#### **Foundation, aims and organization.**

D.i.Re was founded as national association in 2008 by 45 organizations of women, engaged for a period of over 15 years on political and cultural struggles against gender violence.

Nowadays the national association includes 60 organizations, located all over Italy, which manage Anti-violence Centres.

The National Association lobbies against male violence against women, focusing on gender difference. It aims to promote national politics to trigger cultural changes in order to raise awareness on gender violence as a social phenomenon within Italian society.

Furthermore D.i.re. works to strengthen the centers against violence and their network. It plays a central role in promoting local, national and international policies, according to the needs of women victims of gender violence.

The Assembly of members takes place almost every month. It is composed of a National Council, representing the different Italian local areas. It works through groups, as follows:

- Lawyers (Civil and Criminal).
- International.
- Methodology of reception in Shelters.
- Research and Survey.
- Press.

#### **Network and Partners**

D.i.Re is a member of the Executive Council of Global Network of Women's Shelter, the international network of anti-violence centers .

D.i.Re is the focal point in Italy and is part of WAVE (Women against Violence), the European network of centers against violence composed by 5000 centers which are distributed in 27 European countries.

D.i.Re is part of the Executive council of European Women's Lobby, a European organization composed by more than 2000 associations in all the European countries and Bruxelles-based.

D.i.Re joins in the "30 years CEDAW- work in progress" platform.

## 2012

### **September 1<sup>st</sup>, L'Aquila**

Third event of the Italian stages for Ravona Project "Strengthening women, Empowering the Centers"

### **July 6<sup>th</sup>, Viareggio**

Second event of the Italian stages for Ravona Project "Strengthening women, Empowering the Centers"

### **June 25<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>, Nuoro.**

First event of the 11 Italian stages for Ravona Project " Strengthening women, Empowering the Centers"

### **June 25<sup>th</sup>, Geneva, Switzerland.**

Attending as speakers the panel "Italy: Violence Against Women Femicide, UNSC Resolution 1325 Panel", during the 20<sup>th</sup> session of Human Rights Council of the United Nations (presentation of a report about Italian situation, by the Special Reporter Rashida Manjoo,) with other members of Italian platform "30 years CEDAW- work in progress"

### **June 22<sup>nd</sup>, for over 35 Italian cities**

**The shelters' White Night (Notte Bianca) "Nobody sleeps" to say No to violence against women.**

D.i.Re promoted a mobilization night of events to support shelters, in over 35 Italian cities.

### **May 15<sup>th</sup>, Rome and 30 Italian cities**

Symbolic delivery of an open letter to Mr. Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Italian Republic entitled "numbers' violence, everyone's responsibility", and at the same time to 30 Italian local bodies, in order to denounce the high number of femicides committed since the beginning of 2012 and to make an appeal to Italian law institutions for applying tougher sentences on femicides and violence against women.

**March 6<sup>th</sup> , Milan**

Presentation the **RAvonA – Rete dei centri anti violenza Nazionale-** Empowering the Centers, Strengthening women” project, during the Avon Italy Press conference.

**February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup> , Washington, USA**

Speech in the Executive council of the Global Network of women’s Shelter (GNWS) and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference of women’s shelters.

**January 17<sup>th</sup> , Rome**

**Audition to the Chamber of Deputies “30 years CEDAW- work in progress”, Chamber of Deputies, Rome**

Presentation of the Shadow Report written by the Italian platform “30 years CEDAW- work in progress”, at the presence of CEDAW committee special reporter Violeta Neubauer, the Honorable Calipari, and Tiziana Ferrario.

**2011**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> , Rome**

Speech at the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Conference on Justice in Fiera di Roma**, promoted by the Ministry of Education, University and Research, section “IrReti-impigliati nella rete” about the cyber-stalking and cyber-bullying issues.

**October 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> , Rome**

Co-organization of the **13th Wave-Women Against Violence Europe- International Conference. Sala della Promoteca, Campidoglio and Casa Internazionale delle Donne, Rome.**

International conference entitled “Strengthening commitment and preventing violence against women and their children in Europe and the Mediterranean”, awarded by Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Italian Republic. More than 500 experts from all over Europe, European institutions, national and international leading figures attended the Conference .

**January 17<sup>th</sup> , Milan**

Speech at the **public meeting organized by Elle Magazine** entitled “the black book”- 15 concrete proposals to improve women’s lives

2010

**January 8<sup>th</sup> , Ravenna**

Training course for “**Social Workers involving and helping Victims of Violence**” organized by AUSL of Forlì.

**January 14<sup>th</sup> , Bologna**

Co-organization of the Conference “**The international tools to protect victims of violence and gender discrimination**” with **the United Nations’ Special Rapporteur Rashida Manjoo**, organized in collaboration with “30 years CEDAW- work in progress” and democratic lawyers.

**January 15<sup>th</sup> , Sala Bini, Ravenna**

Lecture at the workshop “**the human rights system for women’s human existence**” of the Italian platform “30 years CEDAW- work in progress”.

**February 25<sup>th</sup> , Matera**

Speech at the conference “ **Gender Violence Phenomenology**”, during the IV° seminary of the **Tunnel** project, organized by the Province of Matera.

**February 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> , New York, USA**

Attending Global Network of Women’s Shelter meeting and on March 2nd 2010; Speech at the official meeting “Violence against women and the role of safe spaces for women” of the UN Network CSW (Commission of Status of Women).

**March 6<sup>th</sup> , Milan**

Speech at the conference “**Alba - anti-stalking agenda**” with the attendance of D.i.Re lawyer.

**April 5<sup>th</sup> , Ravenna**

Trainer for law enforcement at provincial Police Department.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> , Florence**

Training course for law enforcement at Municipal Police, Local Police Inter-regional school.

**14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> October, Warsaw, Poland**

Speech at the 12th WAVE conference “**Europe United: Ending Violence against Women- Towards Better Law, Policies and support services**”.

**July 11<sup>th</sup> , Rome - New York**

Cooperation in writing the Shadow Report on implementation of Cedaw in Italy, presented during the celebrations of 30 years CEDAW in New York.

**November 25<sup>th</sup> , Rome**

Press conference at the International Conference on Violence against Women. D.i.Re denouncing the shelters' closing because of financial lack

**December 15<sup>th</sup> , Rome**

Presentation of the calendar made by Marie Claire magazine in support of D.i.Re. The calendar was signed by Fabrizio Ferri with the invitation of 12 actresses of Italian cinema. **Fondazione Durini, Milano.**

**2009**

**February 11<sup>th</sup> , Rome**

Association D.I.RE was officially mentioned as an independent organization supporting women victims of violence, thanks to the research of the lawyers of D.I.RE that pointed out a range of issues pertaining to the organization of judicial work.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> , Ministero Pari opportunità, Rome**

Speech at the consultation meeting for the approval of the national Action Plan to contrast sexual and gender violence, Sala Monumentale - Largo Chigi.

**April 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>, Okawa, Canada**

Speech at the Global Network of Women's Shelter meeting “Making the International Women's Shelter Network a Reality” with the participation of shelter's representatives from countries across the world.

**November, Edmonton, Canada**

Cooperation to the world survey entitled **Data Count**, launched by the Global Shelter Network, to collect data about the number of women and children welcomed in different shelters of the world.

**December 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> , Vienna, Austria**

Member of the Coordinating Committee of the WAVE network located in Vienna.

**2008 and beforehand**

**January 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Bologna**

Speech at the conference "*women's common goods*". **Aula Magna S.Cristina, Centro Documentazione Donne Città di Bologna.**

**January 10<sup>th</sup> , Rome**

Transmission, to the Presidential Committee, of the legal act, issued on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2008, whereby, Teresa Manente and Manuela Ulivi, working as lawyers for shelters, asked for the intervention of a Superior council of judges in order to take appropriate actions, in accordance to the judges' tasks, training prerogatives and their organization of judicial work, to improve the response of justice about family violence

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> , Edmonton, Canada**

1<sup>st</sup> World Conference of Women's Shelter, with the participation of over 800 delegates worldwide, among them, a representative of Italy is a D.i.Re member.

**September 29<sup>th</sup> , Rome**

D.i.Re - donne in rete contro la violenza - Statute is signed, in Rome before a notary, with 45 D.i.Re founding members, represented by the presidents of each association.

**January 21<sup>st</sup> 2006, Rome**

Signatory of the "**Carta dei centri antiviolenza e delle Case delle donne**". It is a political and methodological document whereby the aims and common principles of shelters management are shared. Previously Women's shelters in Italy had organized as informal network since 1990. The aim of this document is to create a set of recognizable principles, taking into account the differences amongst shelters, the local contest, and each political history. Another purpose of this document, is to strengthen associations, the existing regional networks and to

create a common base for the National Network of Shelters and House of Women. Through this document we wanted to explicit a common identity, visible by all, that would encourage Associations and individual women to turn to our shelters.

56 associations joined in this document, the majority of them have subsequently become part of the D.i.Re association.

**November 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 2003, Marina di Ravenna**

2<sup>nd</sup> shelters' national meeting, "Women make Knowledge, Health, Change: Shelters on the move and the move of shelters", with the participation of around 1000 people. The publication followed for Patron, Bologna, 2005.

**May 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 1996, Marina di Ravenna**

1<sup>st</sup> shelters' national meeting, *shelters comparison: debate and thematic study groups*, organized by Shelters' and House of Women national committee.

**May 1990, Bologna**

1<sup>st</sup> shelters' national meeting, at Centro Documentazione delle Donne: foundation of National Network of Women's Shelter, subsequently named *Rete dei Centri anti violenza e delle Case delle donne* (Network of Women's Shelters and House of Women).