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D.i.Re (Women's Network against violence)- Onlus

Presentation of the National Association of the Centres against violence in Italy

The National Association D.i.Re (Women's Network against violence) was founded on the 29th of September 2008 and is the first Italian Association of independent women's centres and shelters against violence, whose aim is to constitute the first National Coalition to develop and promote the different experiences of all local centres against violence in Italy. It intends to coordinate and promote activities in order to start and facilitate a cultural change on violence against women in Italian society.

The main idea of cultural change is based on men's violence against women, gender differences and traditional ideas of family and society, still present today, and of inequality and differences in power between men and women in Italian society. D.i.Re intends to analyse these cultural elements in an attempt to modify the perception of violence itself in society.

D.i.Re (Women's Network against violence) coordinates 54 Centres against violence and Women's Shelters. These Centres, in their twenty-year activity throughout Italy, have given aid and support to thousands of women and their children, have promoted knowledge and research and now, those women are ready to share their experiences and give life to a common National action while respecting differences in procedure at a local level. The Association is also working to create a permanent debate around comparing practices, knowledge and research.

Furthermore D.i.Re (Women's Network against violence) wants to promote functional strategies and training courses for workers at women's centres, and to consolidate and strengthen the presence of shelters throughout Italy.

The Association is also involved in the difficult fight against prejudices and exploitation of the serious problem of violence, which tend to depreciate the violence itself.

D.i.Re (Women's Network against violence) aims to become a National Institution involved in discussing violence against women at both a national government and international level and to elaborate and modify the existing laws concerning Women's Rights.

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