




Comunità  
Progetto Sud



Dear boys and girls,  
I believe you should experience everything that passes through your  
mind and heart.  
It is essential to think about it, but it is not enough! You should think  
about it and try it!  
And if it does not work out, you should try again, think about it and try  
again.  
Thus, you should experience all your greatness!

*Giacomo Panizza*

*Here an extract from the interview held by Paolo Bonolis at "Il Senso Della Vita".*





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# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

## THE MISSION

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In 1976, a group of young people with and without disabilities decided to live together to create a community. They aimed to prevent the exclusion of vulnerable people from social life by creating new opportunities through work, education, alternative communal dwelling, and active involvement in the local community. That was the beginning of the Comunità Progetto Sud Association.

Today, Comunità Progetto Sud is an ecosystem of groups and networks that collaborate to develop and promote inclusive policies in opposition to social inequities and the Mafia-like method of prevarication.

The Association promotes solidarity culture and best practices, which are always very efficient because they result from the original group's associative life experience, the collaboration with the local communities, and the cooperation with several national and international partners.





# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

## THE GOALS

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During the last 45 years of activities, Comunità Progetto Sud responded to a series of social issues, such as drug addiction, women empowerment, Aids, Mental Illness, migrants and trafficking of human beings, segregation of ethnic minorities. The Association meets the needs of the local community by providing health, educational and social services. It creates social entrepreneurship and work opportunities for young people of the region. Moreover, the Association promotes the participatory democracy approach and raises awareness over the ethical economy and social and environmental sustainability for the innovation and valorization of Calabria.





# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

## THE ORIGINS, THE BACKGROUND, AND THE DEVELOPMENT

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### Sharing Life opportunities

People have several opportunities to experience community life. For example, young people can enjoy group life experiences; the rehabilitation structures of the Association host vulnerable people who live together; social housing.

Comunità Progetto Sud organizes working groups on self and mutual help, encouraging people to reappropriate their personal civil and social rights.

The leading role of vulnerable people is noticeable in the co-production of regulations, social services, and interventions in favor of their rights.





# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

## THE DECISION TO REMAIN IN CALABRIA

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The founders of the Comunità Progetto Sud Association have made a choice, that is to remain in Calabria, in the South of Italy.

Organized crime and corruption plague this region, which also has a high unemployment rate. However, the founders believed that people living there must not be resigning, and it is necessary to invest and fight for the region's development.

Comunità Progetto Sud endorses similar associations, stands with several Civil Society Organizations, and collaborates with public and private Institutions to redefine innovative strategies which may stimulate the region's emancipation.





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The common good  
of making  
community

# SOCIAL, HEALTH, AND EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTIONS

## DISABILITY



Comunità Progetto Sud provides social-health, educational, and care services to people with physical and or mental disabilities of all ages. The general objective of this specific intervention area is to ensure the development of an integrated and multi-professional individual project of rehabilitation tailored according to the particular needs of each beneficiary. People with disabilities are supported to empower and create their life projects.

### Services provided by this intervention area:



- Centro di Riabilitazione: outpatient and semi-residential health rehabilitation facility;
- L'altra Casa : daytime social care service;
- Dopo di Noi: residential social care structure;
- Centro Psico Educativo Autismo : intensive service for autistic children and adolescents
- Information Desk: protection of the rights of persons with disabilities and their families.



# SOCIAL, HEALTH, AND EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTIONS

## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION:



This intervention area deals with the prevention, treatment, and social reintegration of people in situations of addiction to drugs, alcohol, and gambling. The interventions are differentiated into specific individualized programs to respond to the particular needs of each beneficiary.

### Services provided by this intervention area:

- Fandango: Therapeutic Community where professionals provide residential and semi-residential health rehabilitation services.
- Centro Dedalo: prevention and treatment of gambling addiction
- Casa Tallarico: micro-apartments for people with difficulty accessing the housing market.
- Information and prevention are carried out through communication campaigns on addiction risks.



# SOCIAL, HEALTH, AND EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTIONS

## MIGRATION AND TRAFFICKING OF HUMAN BEING:



Comunità Progetto Sud provides diversified interventions to guarantee the integration of foreign people and victims of trafficking in the society and in the labor market.

### Services provided by this intervention area:



- Sai/Siproimi for Adults: in partnership with local authorities;
- Comunità Luna Rossa: a Sai/Siproimi hosting unaccompanied minors;
- Legal Desk: offers information and legal protection to asylum seekers or trafficking of human being victims;
- Interventions aimed at victims of trafficking subjected to sexual and labor exploitation;
- Training and consulting on interculturality, ethnology, and social mediation.

# SOCIAL, HEALTH, AND EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTIONS

## MENTAL HEALTH



The interventions on Mental Health are carried out through individual and community-based approaches. At the same time, the Association supports the development of networks for people with mental suffering and their families.



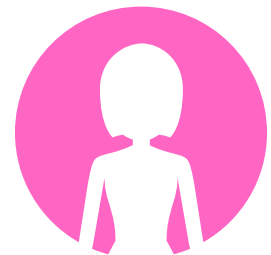
### Services provided by this intervention area:

- Animation path in the local community.
- Working groups on self and mutual help.
- Empowerment paths for individuals and groups.
- Social housing for the realization of living autonomy.
- Pathways of integration into the labor market through training placements and work grants.



# SOCIAL, HEALTH, AND EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTIONS

## WOMEN SUPPORT AND EMPOWERMENT:



Comunità Progetto Sud helps vulnerable women through professional support and assistance to redesign their life with greater autonomy and capacity.



### Services provided by this intervention area:

- Specific actions for women and mothers who are victims of domestic violence, trafficking, etc.
- Accompanying services and legal protection.
- Empowerment paths for social and work inclusion;
- Advocacy activities.



# TRAINING AND WORK, CULTURE AND CITIZENSHIP

## SCUOLA DEL SOCIALE

"Scuola del Sociale is a strategic service, which has a Research and Development function. It is dedicated to the education, promotion, and regeneration of professional skills, managerial frameworks, and leadership. Basic, continuous, higher, and professional training are addressed to people, social groups, public actors, third sector organizations, and also to other subjects of local communities to qualify competencies on human values and solidarity, employment, and democracy. Scuola del Sociale is also responsible for planning social projects and developing innovative services according to the organization's needs and territorial contexts. Moreover, the cultural production elaborates various publications, books, articles, and multimedia material. Scuola del Sociale bases its works on the action research method, which has enabled it to acquire a recognized profile. Scuola del Sociale works systematically with groups and organizations, an approach that enhances the knowledge learned from experience."





# TRAINING AND WORK, CULTURE AND CITIZENSHIP

## ADVOCACY

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Even current regulations guarantee several human rights, often, they are denied. For this reason, 'The Office for the Protection and Promotion of Human, Civil and Social Rights» offers advocacy interventions to protect and strengthen vulnerable people and groups by identifying and implementing their citizenship rights and duties.





# TRAINING AND WORK, CULTURE AND CITIZENSHIP

## JOB PLACEMENT

This service is mainly aimed at people in conditions of fragility, notably, so-called vulnerable sections of the population in job-seeker.



### SERVICE FOR WORK

Comunità Progetto Sud operates in direct contact with local entrepreneurs and traders and simplifies the matching (the meeting of labor demand/supply) and the activation of internships.



### TYPE B SOCIAL COOPERATIVES

Comunità Progetto Sud has promoted many type B social cooperatives to create employment for young people living in Calabria, agile people, and the so-called NEETs.

Cooperatives develop business activities related to the environment, renewable energy sources, social agriculture, and accessible tourism.



# PROMOTION AND CO-CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIAL POLICIES IN CALABRIA

## TERRITORIAL ANIMATION

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Comunità Progetto Sud promotes experiences of participatory and co-responsible citizenship, education for justice, and social respect. The Association organizes events involving citizens, informal groups, other organizations, institutions, schools, and parishes of the city and the territory.

A structured example of this approach is the Lilliput Playground located in a suburb district of Lamezia Terme.





# NETWORKS

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**Comunità Progetto Sud** promotes the creation of networks with ethically oriented social groups. The Association works with other Italian and European organizations and Institutions. The purpose of this action is to encourage local, national, and international growth.

Together with networks of young people, vulnerable people, and professionals, the Association develops and manages punctual and differentiated interventions to cope with social and employment needs, starting from the South of Italy.





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