

Child Protection Policy

„Resistance Through Their Eyes” project



The „Resistance Through Their Eyes” project is organised by a consortium consisting of the coordinator, the LRE Foundation, and partners from four different countries: the Resistance Museum (the Netherlands), the Home Army Museum (Poland), the White Rose Foundation (Germany), and the City of Milan together with the Ferruccio Parri National Institute (Italy). One of the tasks undertaken by each project partner is to organise four educational events for youth in collaboration with other local partners such as schools, universities, and youth organisations, in selected locations.

By signing this document, the representatives of the project consortium and the educational partners on behalf of Comune di Milano commit to ensuring that the educational environment created for the youth event at Comune di Milano remains safe, respectful, and free from discrimination. Given that some participants may be minors during the activities, it is necessary to include ways to ensure their safety and care in this document.

The collected directives and procedures for crisis situations aim to minimise the risk of child abuse and inappropriate behaviour towards children and among youth, ensure proper training of staff working with youth, and early identification of potentially dangerous situations, while maximising the protection of the youth. Prioritising the safety and welfare of participants and proactively addressing any unintended harm that may result from planned youth activities is of utmost importance. Therefore, the following actions are taken:

- Selected individuals with extensive experience in education and working with youth will be responsible for conducting educational activities during the youth events. They will meet the relevant competency criteria to provide a safe environment for minors.
- The venues where educational activities take place will be appropriately adapted to the participants’ needs.

- Photographs and video recordings from the youth events will only include images of participants who have given written consent for their publication. Images of children will not depict them undressed or in inappropriate poses. Furthermore, details regarding the photographs and the stories they depict will not allow the identification of the child's place of residence or community.
- The presence of minors at the organised event may require direct parental consent if it is a requirement of the school the student attends.
- The rights and feelings of the youth will be respected at every stage of the planned activities.
- Any signs of suspicion regarding improper conduct or abuse towards children will prompt decisive action by the individuals supervising the event. Appropriate disciplinary and appeals procedures will be conducted by the LRE Foundation and Comune di Milano, following the provisions of Italian law and considering the involvement of local authorities.
- Adult individuals conducting sessions during the event or present in the activity area will be required to closely observe the behaviour of young people and other participants. Any accusations or concerns regarding abuse of participants will be taken seriously. Special care should be taken regarding confidentiality and the sharing of information with appropriate individuals.
- In case of concerns or complaints, the immediate step is to report the information to the person designated to coordinate child safety during the youth event on behalf of Comune di Milano. This person is responsible for taking necessary actions to ensure the safety and psychological well-being of the youth. This also includes informing the Management of Comune di Milano about any disturbing situation potentially affecting the safety of minor participants and immediately notifying the relevant authorities (police, municipal guard, children's rights representative) in the event of an incident that leaves no doubt about the commission of a crime.
- Reporting procedures for harmful situations should also include the possibility for children to submit reports. As mentioned earlier, a designated person responsible for child safety, who is a trusted individual for children and present during the event, will be available. Depending on the organisational possibilities of the locations, anonymous complaint boxes will be set up to allow young people to conveniently report grievances in a confidential manner.
- The City of Milan has a children's rights guarantor, who supervises the application of the international Convention of children's rights and reports situations of alleged violations of rights and any form of discrimination against children to the judicial authorities.
- Each Sector of Comune di Milano has a person responsible for child protection, who is responsible for taking appropriate actions and responses at the local level during the event organisation. The person responsible for child protection on behalf of Comune di Milano, for this project, is Marco Mazziotti, who is responsible for taking appropriate actions and responses at the local level during the event organisation. On the part of the LRE Foundation, this person is Ms. Joanna Roman, who is responsible for the overall coordination of the policy's implementation within the project. All individuals assigned to these roles, both from the LRE Foundation and Comune di Milano, will do their utmost to prevent child abuse but do not assume legal responsibility for any damages.

Comune di Milano commits to familiarising its staff who will have direct contact with underage participants during the event with the content of this document and ensuring its compliance.

Comune di Milano undertakes to update these provisions if necessary, following prior consultation with the LRE Foundation team and other members of the project consortium. A comprehensive report on the actions undertaken within this project is available on the website at: www.lre-foundation.org

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