

## WelcHome: An innovative way to successfully integrate minor refugees

### Summary:

WelcHome's main objective is realising successful foster care for unaccompanied foreign minors. Other minor objectives are raising awareness in the local community, and including education institutions and volunteering associations in supporting the integration programs.

While the main targets are unaccompanied foreign minors, many other players in the initiative are education institutions, volunteering associations and the local community.

Beside the traditional activities linked to assisting the minors and assigning them to hosting families, WelcHome carried on a whole new set of innovative activities focused on improving the experience for the subjects involved and promoting the initiative, the main ones being:

- Providing training to families to prepare them to any difficulties that may occur during the foster care period
- Increased attention and research when working on the combination of assisted minors and hosting family
- Development of support groups for families and for assisted minors separately, where they can share and learn from their experiences
- Set up and mediation of activities aimed at fostering the relationships between families and minors
- Providing psychological support to both assisted minors and families
- Promotion through participation to conferences, radio and TV programs and interviews; a proprietary web platform, promotional videos on YouTube, diffusion of information through the local press
- Sensitising students through presentations and activities in schools

In terms of achieving these objectives, we have met 300+ families for selection, participated to 40+ workshops in schools, organised 4 training workshops in different regions, built a proprietary web platform and most of all successfully assigned 25 minors to family custody. Another big result is the definition of a project management model based on the participation of public institutions, health services and volunteering associations, and their involvement in decision-making processes

### Logos:



Pictures:



*Video and links:*

- [Families' experience](#)
- [Presentations to schools](#)
- [Gias' experience](#)
- [Don Paolo and Jawad](#)
- [Presentation to Istituto Sigonio, Modena](#)

*Newspaper and website articles:*

- **Modena today:** [I profughi in classe, incontri con gli studenti per raccontare le proprie storie](#)
- **Comune Modena:** [Accoglienza in famiglia di minori stranieri non accompagnati e minori richiedenti asilo](#)
- **Regione Emilia Romagna:** ["WelcHome", progetto d'accoglienza per minori migranti a Modena](#)

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