

Following the "Gratitude Bonus" awarded to those municipalities that hosted the applicants for international protection, the city of Rovereto issued a call in 2018 to activate bottom-up projects, i.e., projects launched by actors on the territory to build knowledgeable and inclusive territorial communities. We bet on the community as a whole, confident that it had the knowledge, resources and organizational and leadership potentialities to achieve a constructive change.

We approved and fully funded 12 projects. Connected with the Administration, these projects promote the creation of services and initiatives with the following goals: community development, social inclusion, raising of awareness on issues related to equality, reception, active citizenship, social responsibility, marginalization relief, and relationship management.

The areas we are working on are culture, women and children, social life, territory promotion, paths towards autonomy through intercultural workshops, community engagement, exhibitions, theatrical performances, video production, and courses for teachers, immigrants and children. With their 34 partners, the 12 realities involve the city of Rovereto until the end of 2019 and aim to show that individuals, families and groups with different pasts can learn cultural differences, overcome distrust and feel responsible to build a common future. In June 2019, the number of people that in various way and capacities have participated to the initiatives was around 5000.

Involved institutions:

Associazione ARAS (education/training)

Centro per la Cooperazione Internazionale (center for international cooperation)

Cooperativa Punto d'Approdo (women hospitality)

Associazione MLAL (international solidarity/education)

Associazione Trentina Accoglienza Stranieri (immigrants)

Cooperativa Progetto 92 (child)

Associazione Ruota Libera (job placements)

Associazione U. B. Girella (adolescents)

Istituto Comprensivo Rovereto sud (primary and secondary education)

Istituto Comprensivo Rovereto est (primary and secondary education)

Istituto d'istruzione superiore Don Milani (high school)