CASCINA oremo

Overview

Founded in the 17th century as a farm, **Cascina Oremo** is now an innovative and inclusive hub, open to the community and dedicated to **learning, guidance, sport and inclusion.**

Thanks to **Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Biella**, which purchased the building in 2007 and started a high-impact renovation in 2021, Cascina Oremo has become a model of **social innovation**. With an investment of over EUR 12 million, the renovation was completed in April 2023, bringing the structure to almost 9000 square meters of modern, sustainable, and accessible spaces.

Inclusion, cooperation, innovation, creativity, and beauty are the core values that inspire Cascina Oremo, an ambitious project entrusted to **Consorzio Sociale Il Filo da Tessere** and to **Tantintenti, Sportivamente, and Domus Laetitiae** cooperatives. The 4 non-profit organizations work together to create a welcoming place rich in opportunities and they share space management and activity planning, in synergy with a **network of over 170 organizations**. This interdisciplinary approach fosters the dialogue with the local community and encourages the exchange of expertise, ensuring an ever-evolving project.

Cascina Oremo offers educational, guidance, and sports programmes for children, young people, and adults, with a strong focus on **inclusion** and **enhancement of everyone's uniqueness and talents**. Each initiative is specifically designed to promote autonomy and self-determination, offering concrete opportunities for growth in a dynamic and highly specialised environment. With the contribution of **over 100 professionals and 60 volunteers**, the hub today represents a reference point for the community and a laboratory for **integrated sustainability**. In addition to its social mission, it also promotes environmental sustainability through the Renewable Energy Community - Oremo Energia Solidale, inspired by the civil economy model.

In Cascina Oremo, four key environments are interconnected in a dynamic and circular process:

Learning (0- to 18+ years old): spaces designed to offer innovative educational paths from early childhood to adolescence, open to schools, families, children, and young people. These programmes explore new educational models with a strong focus on environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

Guidance (aged 8 upwards): individual and group-based programmes aimed at self-knowledge, talents' discovery, and understanding of the world, helping children and young people cultivate their future beyond constraints and stereotypes.

Sport and Inclusion (0- to 99 years old): a creative and recreational space for people with and without disabilities, where sport serves as a powerful tool for social inclusion, promoting physical and mental wellbeing, autonomy's development, and motor, social, and relational competences.

Disability and The Age of Development: a multi-professional reference centre that supports individuals—with and without disabilities—and their families in balancing needs and resources to achieve personal aspirations. Through specialised assessments, learning and psychological support, and educational counselling, the centre provides tailored pathways to cope with difficulties and to foster personal growth.

Among the initiatives shared within the four environments, there is also the Basilio Bona **Inclusive Robotics Laboratory**, dedicated to children and young people. Here, educational robotics becomes a tool for learning and inclusion, stimulating creativity, digital skills' development, and collaboration.

Cascina Oremo is an innovative hub in continuous evolution, a generative place for people and with people.

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