

In order to strengthen the relationship between the partners and make it sustainable in the long term we decided to create a common platform and establish an international network connecting organisations from different European countries. This network will work together to plan shared initiatives, co-ordinate activities and design prospective projects within the framework of Observe Rethink Act.

In 2009, several European organisations launched an ongoing dynamic educational process called Observe Rethink Act or "ORA". This process gathered together Youth Centres, Nature Reserves, environmental NGOs, associations for social promotion, cooperatives, artistic collectives, cultural organisations, and Eco-centres in order to broaden the opportunities for the social, cultural, environmental and economic inclusion of young people in the community. The concept underpinning ORA is to provide young people with the direct opportunity to Observe their context (both at a local and international level), to Rethink their own role (both as individuals and as members of society) and to Act as responsible citizens to strengthen the community. Participation in the process improved the efficiency and enriched the quality of the work done at the grassroots level by every organisation involved. In fact, by combining different Non Formal Education methodologies and using several elements related to sustainable living, ORA has created positive local impact and encouraged wider engagement from young people and for all the organisations in the network.

ORA NETWORK - HOW IT ALL STARTED -

OBSERVE RETHINK ACT NETWORK

THE FUTURE OF ORA

The future of the ORA network is contained in both our and your engagement and daily fieldwork. We will be regularly looking for new members as well for new partners and participants in future ORA projects.

Stay tuned for more info!

Meanwhile, if you want to contribute, to ask a question, communicate, or whatever else, please find us on the internet:

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Youtube: Ora Network Channel
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ORA NETWORK PROJECTS

From 2009 to the present day 11 projects have taken place in the ORA framework: five in Italy, two in Serbia, two in Bosnia and Herzegovina, one in Belgium, and one in Germany. Here we present three examples of ORA project activities:

International meeting "Observe, Rethink, Act: multimedia and inclusion of marginalised young people" (Torino di Sangro, Italy: 26th May - 3rd June 2013).



International meeting "Sustainable Development through respect and responsibility. Multimedia as a tool to promote it among young people" (Banja Luka, Bosnia Herzegovina: 15th - 24th April 2010).



International meeting of young artists "Bittu Generation: inclusion and sustainability through graphic art" (Pančevo, Serbia: 15th - 24th September 2012).



WHAT ORA STANDS FOR:

Our vision is of an inclusive and participatory society without discrimination, where people achieve their full potential in harmony with the environment.

In our work we are driven by the values of solidarity, cooperation, equal opportunities, intercultural understanding, and respect.

By designing and realizing workshops, trainings, seminars, exchanges, multimedia and artistic products, public events, and awareness raising campaigns, we aim:

- to facilitate active citizenship and participation as well as promoting voluntary work and youth activism in local communities and on an international level.
- to empower young people, adults, youth workers, and educators; in order to increase competences, skills and the quality of work done at the grassroots level.
- to support the activities and the development of Youth Centres, cultural associations, Eco-centres, artistic collectives, association for social promotion.
- to preserve and raise awareness of biodiversity and protected areas (national parks, urban gardens, nature reserves, and Sites of Community Importance as defined in the European Habitats Directive).



"If you can see, look. If you can look, observe"

Jose Saramago, "Blindness"