



Proximity social services in Modena.

Outreach unit for drug users experiences homelessness.

*Our nurse shaves a
member of the network
before he goes to
rehab.
Modena 2021*



I – Our outreach unit was born in 2008. We call it "the camper".

- ▶ Our service is mostly sanitary, low threshold and based on harm reduction. We are out in the street 7/7 with a multidisciplinary team made of educator and psychologist, nurses, doctors and cultural and linguistic mediators.
- ▶ We address mainly to a specific target which is people using drugs and experiences homelessness.

Outreach unit and Low – threshold intervention

- Modena has a consistent population of people experiences homelessness. It's not a large city, but it's a crossroads for migration flow and drugs trafficking.
- Our outreach unit was created to catch a target composed mostly by italians using substances by injection, usually heroin.



Health care

- ▶ We distribute sterile syringes, naloxone and we provide medication, painkillers, antibiotics and screening tests for HCV, HBV and HIV.
- ▶ We are trained for counseling and to monitor psychophysical condition.



Today our mission is
changing and we face
new challenges

Migration flow from north africa
led to the formation of a large
tunisian and moroccan network
comoposed mostly by youg man.
A consistent part of them lives in
street, cars or abandoned
buildings and they have no
chance to regularize their position.
This led to extreme marginalization
with illigal and dangerouse ways of
living.



*D's Home,
Modena 2021*

The overcome of crack cocaine has change the needs of people in the street.

- ▶ Drug use has changed, from injected heroin or cocaine, to smoked crack cocaine. As a region, Emilia Romagna, add pipes and we propose drug checking on cocaine adulterants.



Abandoned building,
Modena 2021, Italy.

- In Modena we also work with Arab cultural mediators, who are essential to have credibility and open communication.



We always work with all the others public services

- ▶ when needed, and when possible we built path all together
- ▶ For people without documents we have a dedicated clinic where everyone can access and be visited on a daily bases
- ▶ Here people may request a temporary health insurance, necessary to book exams in hospitals and also valid to enter rehab center.



Modena's
trainstation
2021