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Insight Association and the Zikkaron publishing house

The publishing house Zikkaron (in Hebrew memory, active remembrance), was founded in 2016 in Monte Sole. Zikkaron's mission is to publish researches, witnesses, documents, memories of tragic events which have characterised the history of many civil and religious communities in the 20th century up to today, and in particular in the territory of Monte Sole.

Their books consider small-scale historical events in their link with continental and global history. They are also interested in essays and knowledge about different cultures and religions, with a particular attention to interreligious dialogue and researches and essays aimed to understand the complex society in which we live. Up to now they have published many titles related to historical research, in particular connecting lives of women and men who survived the Monte Sole massacre and a reflection on the spread of collective violences.

Since 2021, this publishing project is led by Insight Association, AP of the WIRE project.

Both as Association and in particular as a Publishing house, they are very interested in the theme of the project, both from a historical and educational point of view.

For this reason, they made their editorial experience available to the project.

14 booklets on the biography of Women in Resistance

It was challenging for them to conceive agile booklets and therefore also suitable for boys and girls not used to reading history. They created the booklets listening to suggestions by educators and teachers with a long experience in the field and in a constant confrontation with the Scuola di Pace di Monte Sole.

They have designed a tool that can be easily used in group work, accurate as for contents and historical details but simple as for language and "size"





(pocket size, not many pages, conceived to be friendly for "reluctant readers"). The idea of starting from women's biographies to deal with more complex issues comes from direct suggestions and feedback from educators and teachers.

As for the books, the choice of the particular book format (11,5 cm \times 19 cm) comes from the Italian publishing tradition of small paper essays. The books are designed to be easy to read and easy to handle. For the cover they kept the colours of the project, and both on the cover and on the inside they combined the graphics of the project and those of the publishing house. Uncoated good quality paper allows good readability but also a good rendering of the pictures. They chose then a local printer who could guarantee quality of work, cost containment and compliance with ethical requirements.

The exhibition

They also created an exhibition on resistant women: 9 front and back totems that can be easily assembled and transported.

The totems are made of cardboard, with glossy coated paper.

The measurements are 75 cm x 180 cm.

Each of them presents pictures, documents, texts about the 14 resistant women. One is dedicated to the description of the project and one presents some of the results of the workshops organised by the Scuola di Pace.

The exhibition is designed to be easily hosted in different spaces: schools, association offices, youth centres...

The exhibition was designed as a further tool available to schools and community centres to bring people closer to the issues of women's resistance. Setting up and presenting the exhibition in public spaces gives the opportunity to arouse people's curiosity and becomes the starting point for more complex discussions linked to the role of women in the resistance.

Distribution Plan

The books will be sent to at least 200 high schools in Emilia-Romagna region (to be included in their libraries), but they are also uploaded as pdf documents on both Zikkaron and Peace School websites. This allows teachers from other parts of Italy to download and use them.





Books were and will be presented in public events and a presentation and the link for the download will be sent to informal educational agencies (youth centres, associations of Italian partisans, associations...).

Marketing strategies

Apart from public events and presentations, a social campaign will be organised to promote the books in formal and informal contexts. 2025 will mark the eightieth anniversary of the end of nazi-fascist occupation in Italy and of the Liberation of Italy. On this occasion, Italian institutions, schools, associations and historical institutes will promote events and moments to remember this historical period and we will suggest to them our books to discover or rediscover the role of women in the Liberation movement.





Appendix 1 - Books

The websites link to the books pdf, in Italian, English and German:

https://www.montesole.org/il-luogo-e-la-storia/wire-donne-e-resistenza/#toggle-id-13

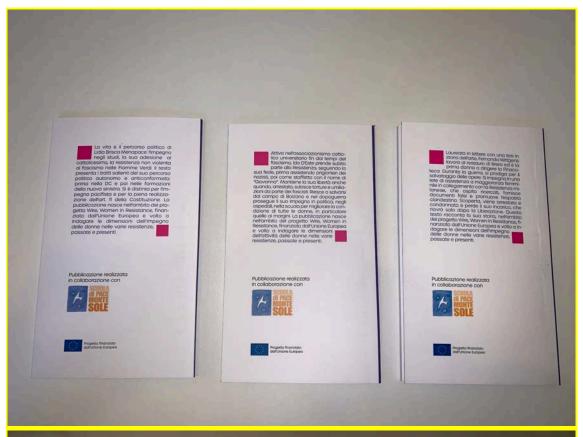
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Appendix 2 - Exhibition

Sample pages representing the exhibition style:

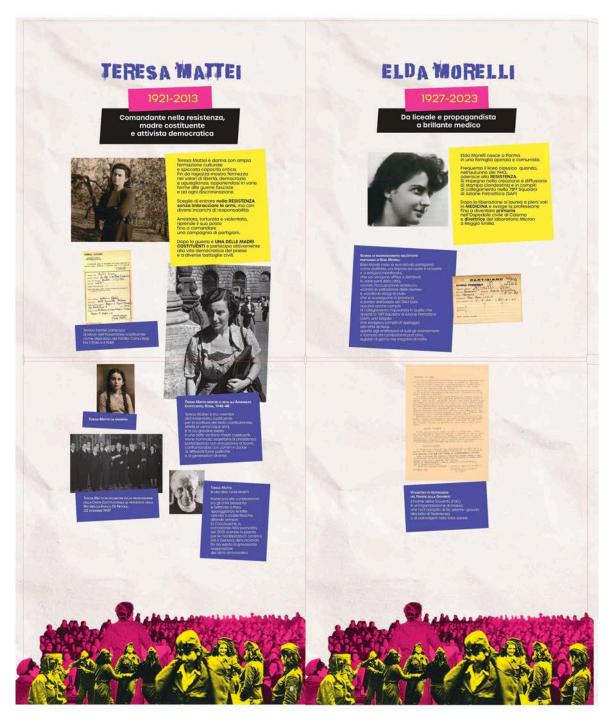
Totem nr.1 - Introduction to the project and credits







Totem nr.5 - Two biographies of the resistant women (Teresa Mattei and Elda Morelli)







Totem nr.9 - Educational hints to favour curiosity and reflection.







Exhibition events

05.10.2024 - 80th anniversary of the Monte Sole Massacre
"Workshop on the role of a Peace School on a place of memory.
Role of women for resistance and peace from the past till today"















19.10.2024 - Public conference "Objection to war"

4 activists from Israel and from Palestine met the citizens of Bologna province and Emilia Romagna region to talk about what it means to resist war and oppression. Three of them were young women.

Sofia Orr is an Israeli refusnik and pacifist activist. In February 2024, she refused to sign up for compulsory military service: repeatedly convicted, she served 85 days in prison. With the Network of Objectors to War she denounces the climate of dehumanisation in Israel, promoting Palestinian freedom by non-violent and anti-militarist means.

Daniel Mizrahi decided to refuse to enlist in the Israeli army because of his pacifist ideology and opposition to apartheid. Since his release from military prison he has been working in the field of economics.

Tarteel Al-Junaidi is a Palestinian activist for human rights and social change through peaceful means. She has been defending Palestinian rights since 2019, with a focus on the situation in Hebron, women's rights and youth movements.

Aisha Omar was born and raised in the Palestinian Territories where she experienced the oppression of the Israeli occupation. For the past two years, she has been supporting war objectors to make Palestinians aware of their activism against war and occupation.

The citizens attending the seminar visited the exhibition.















09.11.2024 - Treno della Barca Day

Insight Association (and its editorial brand Zikkaron) are located in a peripheral and problematic neighbourhood of the city of Bologna - Treno della Barca. There, they set up the exhibition on resistant women, on the occasion of a day of celebration for the district. Different people visited the exhibition, asking questions about the women involved and about the project. They also organised a public presentation of the project.

During the day Insight held a seminar on training activities in penitentiary institutions. The participants to the seminar (educators, professors, volunteers, people who attended school during their imprisonment) visited the exhibition and took with them some of the books collections.

















