

A PLACE FOR HOPE AND FUTURE

After having built houses, schools, hospitals, educational centers for over 60 years, in favor of many communities in Italy and in the world, the time has come to realize our home: the new headquarters of IBO Italia.

Why new headquarters for IBO?

*To relegate behind a desk of an office the amazing wealth born thanks to cooperation and international voluntary work was restrictive. **There are experiences, places, meetings and stories that need to be shared:** to become discovery, wonder, hope and concrete reality, accessible and clear. Close to the life of each one of us.*

It has been a while since the building of Montebello Street in Ferrara started to feel too little for us and began to slow down many opportunities for IBO Italia:

- active participation of the citizens of Ferrara;
- hosting of volunteers from outside the city and outside of Italy;
- the possibility to offer a concrete support to needy people of our community, especially disadvantaged youth.

Not just a SPACE to do things. But a PLACE.

A place where to realize an international cooperation that can be felt and participated by people.

A place of meeting for different generations.

A place where volunteers and youth workers who are returning can share their stories and experiences in favor of people in need.

A place where everyone can have the possibility to get to know stories, countries and new cultures.

“What is leading the volunteers of IBO if not the hope and the empathy toward the needs of people?”

It's for them and thank to them that we are working to give to IBO a new headquarter: for these girls and boys who chose to put themselves in the first line in the name of solidarity by leaving and coming back to Ferrara.

Renovating the premises won't be easy, but with the help of everyone we will be able to transform it in what we desire: a place in which everyone can breathe hope and feel responsible for others and for the common good”

The premises

An ex kindergarten, an historical building fixed in the mind of many citizens of Ferrara, which has been in a status of abandonment for many years and has now become an uncomfortable and unpleasant presence.

A short history of the building

The building who will host the new national headquarter of IBO Italia was in a close past a kindergarten dedicated to Giulietta Banzi, a teacher, trade unionist and activist who dedicated her whole life to the service of the humiliated and the oppressed and who was killed on the 28th of May of 1974, in Brescia, in the massacre of Piazza della Loggia.

The grant

The municipality of Ferrara granted the building on a free loan for the next 30 years, through a public tender. IBO Italia won the tender and it will destinated the premises as the new national headquarter but mostly as a point of reference for the city and the area, with a national and international vision.

The restoring process

The restoring process of the ancient building will foresee the following specific actions:

- Implementation of a new entrance
- Roof renovation
- Restoring of the outdoor walls: new plaster and painting
- Restoring of the indoor flooring
- Indoor paintings
- Renovation of the terrace
- Renovation of the outdoor iron enclosure
- New electrical, warming and sanitation facilities
- Specific entrance for disabled people

Goals, spaces and people

What does IBO Italia want to do in the new headquarter?

To bring the spaces of its headquarter: offices and training rooms.

There will also be a place with a maximum of six beds for young people in Civil Service and European Voluntary Service.

The current offices will move to the new headquarter, that will be used by the staff, the volunteers and by all the ones who want to have information or who will have and organiza meetings.

On avarage, the new premises will daily host a medium of 30 people:

- IBO Italia staff: 10-12 people
- Advisors: 2 people
- Volunteers on National Civil Service or European Voluntary Service: 6-8 people
- Internship/Students/Local volunteers: 2- 4 people
- People who come to have information: 2- 4 people
- Suppliers/People coming for meetings: 2- 4 people

All these people, in the new spaces will work together to let young people grow in the name of voluntary work and organize activities for the citizenship directly in our headquarter.