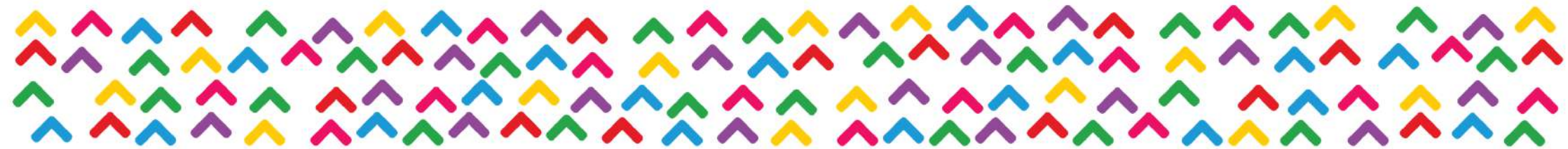
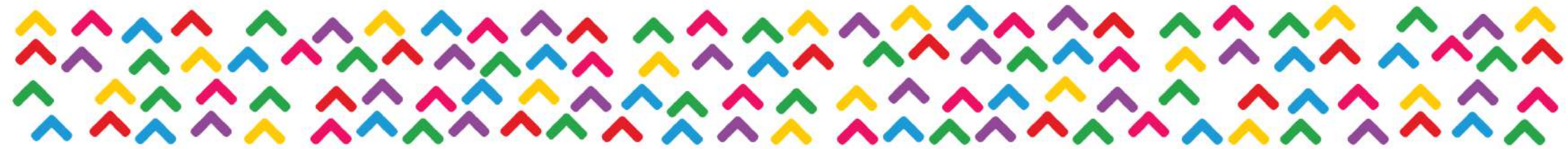




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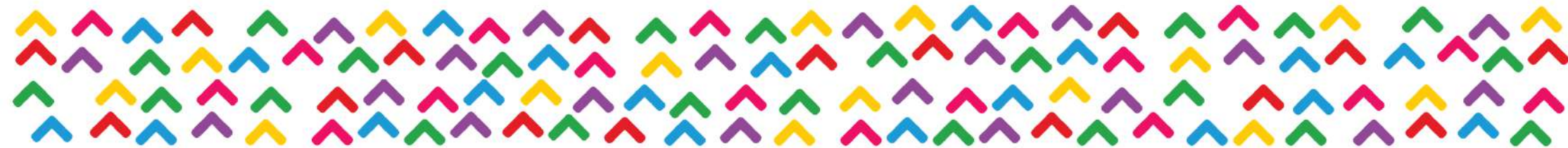
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Housing Sociale

14 June 2017

13:00 - 17:30, Polanentheater, Amsterdam



DAR = CASA is a **not-for-profit co-operative** founded in 1991.

Mission → creating **affordable housing for low- and medium-income citizens** in Milan and surrounding areas.

Both “DAR” and “CASA” mean home, in Arabic and Italian respectively.

We started **renovating 180 vacant or dismissed apartments** owned by the City of Milan or other public institutions, but for whose restoration or management the local government cannot provide the necessary funding.

We renovated apartments and rented them out to the members of our co-operative at a fixed, fair and affordable price.

The cooperative’s members are mainly **migrants** coming **from** at least **20 different countries**.





The profile of **housing demand** is now **more diverse** than ever before.

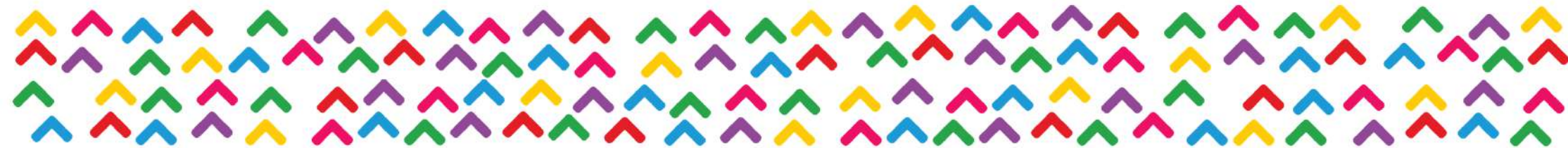
DAR=CASA has been working to analyze and address the **needs of different and new targets of population (young people, families in emergency etc.)**. We also have been working on building up **partnerships with public authorities** in order to answer to new demands.

We are currently at work with the City of Milan, the Region and with real estate funds.

New housing projects have been started, thus significantly increasing the total number of flats managed by the cooperative.

At the moment **DAR=CASA** manages about **500 flats**.





“Home” is the whole relationships that goes with housing → How does the cooperative usually work?

Integrated management service:

property, facility and community management to offer inhabitants technical, administrative and social assistance.

DAR develops **social interventions**:

- strengthening social bonds,
 - promoting social cohesion and local development in the low-income neighborhoods.
- through **common spaces** where inhabitants can meet together and collaborate to organize shared activities to address common needs and desires.
- **collaborative and empowerment approach.**



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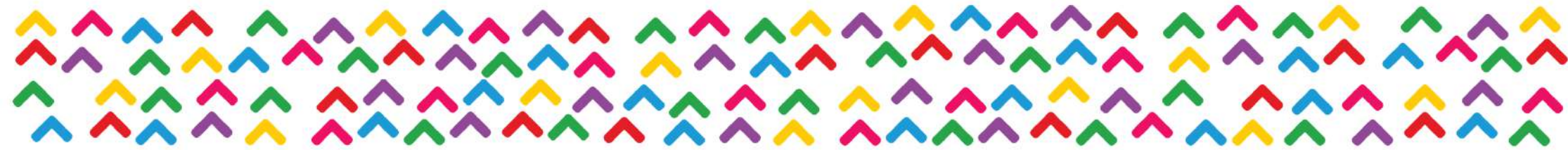


113 flats distributed
in two buildings

56 apartments
assigned at a
“moderate” rent
and **57 apartments**
located at a **“social”**
rent + 2 common
spaces

14 one-room flats, 59 two-room flats and 40 three-room apartments.



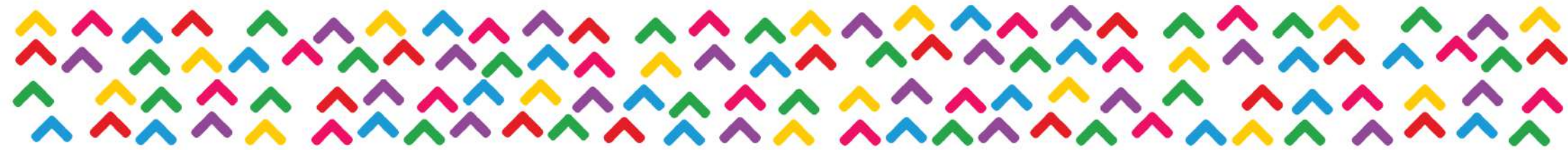


Social mix:

- tenants with different income levels
- different family compositions
- 18 different nationalities. 46% of the inhabitants are Italian and the rest comes from 17 different countries.

47% of families composed by 3 or 4 persons → the majority of flats is allocated to households with children



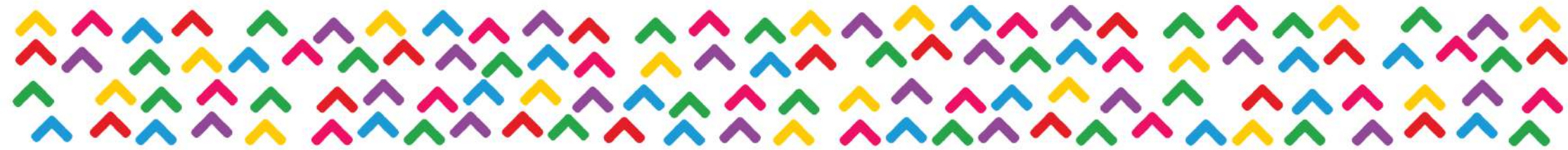


We offer not just an affordable and decent housing solution, but also a place where inhabitants can share spaces and mutual support.

One aim of the project is answering to social fragmentation, through improving mutual knowledge and creating supportive informal connections.



The two spaces for common activities represent an important resource to create and reinforce social bonds and to improve the inhabitants' skills.



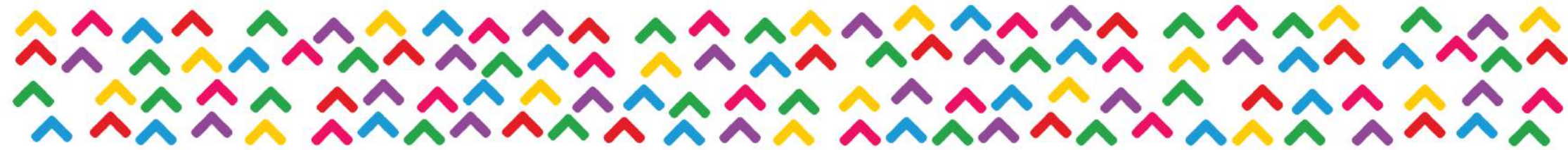
Which functions for the common spaces?

A. Space dedicated to tenants' activities



B. bridge between the social housing project and the neighborhood





Next steps

Space A

A place where inhabitants can spend some good time together, do joint activities and establish nourishing relationships with their neighbors.

DAR opens it twice a week.

Mainly children and their mothers go there to play, have a snack and a chat together.

Next September we are going to start a “dialogue process” with tenants to empower them to actively participate in and shape their community.

Space B

In May we launched an open call to collect project proposals made by third sector organizations on the relevant themes of intergenerational and intercultural integration in the neighborhood. The winning project will be chosen in June.

