

The Turin Institute for the Deaf was founded in the nineteenth century to provide assistance and education to deaf children, and to train their teachers.

The original building of the Institute was in Turin. In 1965 the building was sold to the City of Turin and with the proceeds a new and larger building in Pianezza was constructed, which is still in use.

In Italy, at the end of the seventies, the legislation changed so that all specialist institutions were closed and the education of those with disabilities became inclusive.

The management of the Turin Institute for the Deaf decided to adjust their offer: the boarding school was closed and the special schools opened to hearing children. Moreover, an innovative educational service for deaf students in the mainstream was inaugurated.

The Institute's activities are not limited to deaf students: as required by the Statute from the beginning, training courses, conferences, seminars and publications are provided for teachers, educators, parents and health workers. With this in mind, the Institute aims to become, in addition to a center of service, an important place of thought, research, reflection, meeting and of exchange of ideas.

The Institute is a Foundation, a non-profit organization, governed by a Board of Trustees totally autonomous from political or religious authorities.

The Turin Institute for the Deaf has long been engaged in an intense process of internationalization of its activities and projects. Dealing with colleagues from foreign institutions with similar aims, sharing experiences and research projects, building long-lasting exchange pathways are in fact a necessary incentive to our growth and training.

During this last two years (2015-2016), the Turin Institute for the Deaf has been engaged in three projects in the European Projects Area ERASMUS+.



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Deaf students and the inclusive challenge in Europe



The project is led by the Secondary School of Malaga “La Rosaleda” and it has, as partners, the Institutes for Deaf of Groningen (Netherland), Warsaw (Poland), Istanbul and Ismir (Turkey), Turin (Italy). It offers a breadth of study and comparison about the theme of school inclusion of deaf students and about the future of the Sign Language in the age of cochlear implants. .

deafmatters.blogspot.it



Integration of people with disabilities through learning



The project wants to deliver training and informational resources about disability, so that they can be used both in academic area for their development and to support their professional opportunities. There are seven project partners, each partner is specialized in a kind of disability: the project leader Federacion Mestral of Reus (Spain), ELPIDA (Greece), Apeirons (Latvia), FORSIM (Malta) Adiyaman University (Turkey), Wyzsza Szkola Biznesu I Nauk o Zdrowiu (Poland) and the Turin Institute for the Deaf.

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We are overcoming the walls of silence with ICT



Aside from the Turin Institute for the Deaf, the project involves some prestigious institutions: Konevi İştme Engelliler İlkokulu (Konya, Turkey) e Mary Hare school for deaf children and young people (Newbury, United Kingdom). The project aim is the exchange of good practices in order to use ICT technologies with more awareness for the education of deaf people.

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