FREE VOICES FROM THE WORLD PROJECT 2017

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**Premise**: Up until last year the refugee problem seemed to be a distant reality for us in Tuscany. However it has affected many inner areas of our Region today like the Mugello, as well as sparsely populated, inaccessible mountainous areas.

**Objective:** We firmly believe that facilitating the integration of migrants with local residents can bring about a future of peaceful collaboration and progress for all. Our association, ‘The Piero Farulli Association – Music is a gift to share Onlus’, would like to contribute positive and concrete solutions with this purpose in mind.

**Mission:** Music is a language that knows no barriers, it does not have to be translated, and can be instantly shared. A choir can be compared to an instrument that uses the human voice, a body part we all possess and as such has no costs.

The Piero Farulli Association proposes a model of integration which facilitates collaboration between local residents and refugees so that they can work together sharing musical rhythms, stories, singing traditions and sounds characteristic of their culture and nation in such a way as to avoid any risk of cultural colonization.

**Method:** we propose a programme of choral activity based on an equal exchange of learning about each other’s traditions. This will allow all participants to experience the cultural wealth migrants bring with them. They in turn will learn about our vocal traditions.

**Aims:** We aim to promote mutual respect and spontaneous integration between all participants who will benefit from singing together and listening to each other. As a result migrants will be able to practice their Italian language skills freely. This is indispensable for the integration process.

**Easy to replicate:** the model we will adopt for the first trial group of the Free Voices project is easily applicable to similar social situations and is extremely cost effective due the minimal resources needed for the project.

***HOW IT WORKS***

**Start**: January 27th 2017 at Saturday from 3pm to 16,30pm

**Duration**: January /June -September/December 2017 on Saturday

**Place:** LONDA County Council

**Price**: A minimum free annual contribution will be welcome. Migrants will apply for free through the Cooperatives they are members of.

**Admissions**: Admissions free without audition. No age limits . Applicants must fill the application form and give it back to Londa County Council office or Londa /Contea paper shops

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APPLICATION FORM

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SURNAME NAME

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY) CITIZENSHIP

ADDRESS STREET NUMBER CITY

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MAIL ADDRESS MOBILE

apply to join the FREE VOICES FROM THE WORLD CHOIR and I undertake to come regularly to rehearsals Saturday from 15 to 16.30 p.m in Londa County Council starting from January the21th .

*In collaboration with*

*ASSOCIAZIONE CORI DELLA TOSCANA*   *ASSOCIAZIONE IL SICOMORO*