



A Tree of Remembrance - Make the Future Sprout

On October 3, 2023, the City of Peace Foundation launches the campaign "A Tree of Remembrance - make Sprout the Future" on the occasion of the National Day in Memory of Victims of immigration. The day was established after 368 children women and men lost their lives in the shipwreck off the coast of Lampedusa that occurred 10 years ago, on October 3, 2013, while they believed to find safety by reaching Europe.

With this initiative, the Foundation, chaired by Nobel Peace Prize winner Jody Williams, wants to celebrate the memory of the missing migrants and intends to take action, involving associations and individual participants in the initiative, to create a small widespread forest, a symbol of hope for a sustainable future.

Everyone can participate by receiving a sapling to be planted in memory of one of the 368 people who died on Lampedusa, which will become a vital symbol of rebirth. With an individual and collective gesture together, one can help counter climate crises and "renew the memory of those who have lost their lives in an attempt to migrate to our country to escape wars, persecution and misery," as it is written in the Law establishing the Day of Remembrance.

On Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. at Scambiologico in Potenza there will be a meeting with all members and the distribution of trees will begin; distribution will also begin immediately afterwards at MOON and the ARCI Pasquale Critone club in Sant'Arcangelo.

With the donations received, new projects for environmental sustainability and refugee integration that City of Peace Foundation for Children Basilicata implements will be realized.

Participating in the Initiative are Legambiente Basilicata, Arci Basilicata, Il Salone dei Rifiutati, CSV Basilicata, Coop. Sociale Il Sicomoro, Associazione Amici della Fondazione, Rotary Potenza RC, Auxilium and the Interdiocesan Major Seminary of Basilicata.

Starting Oct. 3, saplings can be collected throughout the month of October at:

Scambiologico a Potenza – Piazzale Istria, 1 - 3 - 85100 Potenza (PZ) – tel. 0971 288111
Fondazione Città della Pace per i Bambini Basilicata – C. Umberto I, 28 a Potenza -tel. 333.8363473
Il Circolo Arci Pasquale Critone – via Matteotti a Sant'Arcangelo - tel. 345.1729354
Il Salone dei Rifiutati c/o MOON – via Macchia S. Luca 68/i a Potenza - tel. 0971 476646
CSV Basilicata - Via Sicilia 23 a Potenza (PZ) – tel. 0971 274477
Coop. Sociale Il Sicomoro - via Domenico Ridola 22 a Matera - 0835 314228

It is possible to join the initiative for other associations by sending an email to info@cityofpeace.it or by calling 3338363473