

Charter of values of Cascina Triulza

The theme of Expo Milano 2015 “*Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life*” is a unique opportunity to disseminate the ideals and values that characterize the commitment and the work of civil society organizations in any part of the world.

Fondazione Triulza, as *Non-Official Participant*, is the entity that will organize and manage the civil society pavilion of Expo Milano 2015

Based on its By-Laws (art. 2 - Mission), the Foundation intends to be a forum where civil society organizations can present their proposals; where different cultures can meet; where the active participation of citizens, particularly the younger ones, can be encouraged; where all social players - first and foremost the less advantaged - feel welcome and included.

Over the years, the entities that created Fondazione Triulza have developed codes of ethics or other tools to define, interpret and enact their founding principles.

In its choices and behaviours, the Foundation draws inspiration from these documents and adopts the values stated in this Charter:

- Care for the **common goods** as indivisible heritage and inalienable right of all citizens, and affirmation of the **common good**, as full and autonomous fulfilment of the individual.
- **Associative action**, in the awareness that participation and shared practices are the foundation of democracy.
- **Cooperation**, which reconciles the needs of individuals with the collective interest, in order to achieve higher objectives than those which can be attained individually.
- **Social inclusion**, i.e. the striving towards a society where no one is left behind or is excluded because of its financial situation, its culture, its gender identity, its age or its physical vulnerability.
- **Fairness**, in the sense of a fair distribution of wealth and resources and the overcoming of social inequalities that demean human dignity;
- **Solidarity**, as the ability to perceive the needs of those who are in situations of objective disadvantage and as a commitment to finding solutions that benefit those who need help the most.
- **Peace** as the practice of non-violence in human relationships, repudiation of any kind of war and conflict, and fight against the allocation of economic and human resources to the production, trade and use of weapons.
- **Respect of nature and biodiversity** as pursuit and realisation of a sustainable development model for the planet and future generations, reducing waste, containing consumption, privileging energy from renewable sources and respecting all forms of life on earth.
- **Rule of law**, not only as compliance with the laws, but also as active struggle against the most serious illegal behaviours like criminal infiltration, trafficking of human beings, exploitation of workers, violence against women, and corruption.
- **Responsible use of resources**, i.e. enhancement of know-how, pursuit of quality vs. quantity and adoption of exchange methods that are not exclusively profit-oriented but promote gift and reciprocity.
- **Transparency**, based on the right of third parties to receive adequate information on the choices adopted.

Fondazione Triulza has established an Ethics Commission responsible for preparing this Charter of Values, as well as a questionnaire for the ethical self-certification of the entities that will participate in the activities of Cascina Triulza.

The Fondazione also relies on the support of an *international advisory board* and on the consultancy of Etica sgr, which has developed a system for the assessment of companies and States, according to environmental, social, transparency and governance criteria.

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