

Travel in the land of **law**:  
Choose to come to **Sicily**.



## RESPONSABLE TRAVEL FOR SCHOOLS 2008/2009 Information Pack

Dear Teacher,

We are pleased to be able to suggest Responsible Travel: "**An educational trip to the land of Law: choose to come to Sicily**" to you; it usually takes place in Western Sicily.  
(Dates are yet to be agreed- no travel in peak period and during festivals).

### Working Groups

- **The Freedom Tourism Sector** care of the Social Cooperative, which organises the planning and carrying out of this trip and promotes and guarantees the quality of our suggestions.
- A **tour operator** who organises the practical side of the trip.
- The **Foundation Legality Project in memory of Paolo Borsellino and all the other victims of the Mafia** organises the meetings with experts and focus groups for greater awareness.

### The proposed trip (5days/ 4 nights)

We hope that the proposed trip can be an instrument and a way to live a real-life experience, which aims to allow people to know Sicily, not the Sicily portrayed in the Media, but one with the conviction and courage to show that legality, rights and solidarity are and must be the building blocks for the growth of the area.

The trip was conceived from the principles of responsible tourism and aims to be a journey which brings the students to an understanding of the places, people and positive tales of this land.

According to the principles of responsible tourism, this trip aims to be an opportunity also for the growth of this land, with the hope that the confiscated mafia lands and goods can turn full circle and can work for the good of the economy. For this reason we turn to our providers (according to the principles of critical commerce as far as possible) favouring entrepreneurial experience, for example, the cooperatives formed from confiscated territories) which work legally and try to combat lawlessness with small, everyday actions (for example the society Addiopizzo which works against protection money).

So that the trip can be as enriching an experience as possible for the students, it would be useful to do some preparation or study beforehand, either by themselves or in groups. The following material could be useful:

### Some Films

- **IO RICORDO** – soon with English text: it must be requested directly to [info@progettolegalita.it](mailto:info@progettolegalita.it). It tells about a 10 years old kid, named Giovanni (as Falcone, the judge assassinated from the mafia) who gets in touch with 26 history of Heroes that fought against mafia and step by step takes consciousness of what he has to behave and why.
- **Segreti di stato**, Paolo Benvenuti 2003- this tells the story of the massacre at Portella della Ginestra according to the theory of the Sicilian historian Casarubea.
- **Placido Rizzotto**, Pasquale Scimeca, 2000- this tells the story of the Mayor from Corleone whom the cooperative, which manages confiscated goods in Corleonese Alto Berice, was named after.
- **I cento passi**, Marco Tullio Giordana, 2000, this tells the story of Peppino Impastato, it was filmed in Cinisi in the house which is now the "Casa Memoria Felicia e Peppino Impastato" (a memorial to Peppino and Felicia Impastato).

### Some Websights

[www.progettolegalita.it](http://www.progettolegalita.it)  
[www.addiopizzo.org](http://www.addiopizzo.org)  
[www.liberaterra.it](http://www.liberaterra.it)  
[www.peppinoimpastato.com](http://www.peppinoimpastato.com)  
[www.libera.it](http://www.libera.it)  
[www.sviluppoelegalita.it](http://www.sviluppoelegalita.it)  
[liberapalermo.blogspot.com](http://liberapalermo.blogspot.com)

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## The Itinerary

A travel itinerary for 5 days and 4 nights

### Day 1 - Palermo and Monreale

	Logistics	Cultural Itinerary	Experiences of Sicily
Morning	Arrival and transfer to hotel.	Meeting with the organisers of the trip and a presentation about the trip. Visit to the historic centre of Palermo.	
Lunch	Lunch in a restaurant belonging to the Addiopizzo (Goodbye Protection Money) society.		We hope to organise a speaker with firsthand experience from the society Addiopizzo and if possible also a speaker from a shop which is a member of the society.
Afternoon		Arab-Norman tour of Palermo continuing on to Monreale an Arab-Norman town at the gateway to Palermo.	
Dinner	Return to hotel where dinner will be served.		



### Day 2 - Corleone/ Portella della Ginestra/ Piana degli Albanesi

	Logistics	Cultural Itinerary	Experiences of Sicily
Morning	Breakfast in the hotel	Departure for Corleone. Visit to CIDMA- the international centre of documentation on the mafia and on the antimafia movement and to the Work Room followed by a visit to San Guiseppa Jato and the surrounding area.	We will go back over, with the help of witnesses and experts, the lives of Placido Rizzotto and Pio La Torre and study the history of the mafia and its growth.

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Lunch	Lunch in an agriturismo restaurant created by the cooperative Placido Rizzotto at Portella della Ginestra.		Meeting with the members of a social cooperative born from confiscated territories.
Afternoon		Visit to the site of Portella della Ginestra, where on the 1st May 1947 the first massacre of the Italian State happened. Activities at the equestrian centre of Giuseppe Di Matteo or a continuation of the trip to Piana degli Albanesi.	A firsthand account of the massacre, at Portella della Ginestra, by a survivor.
Dinner	Return to hotel and dinner.		


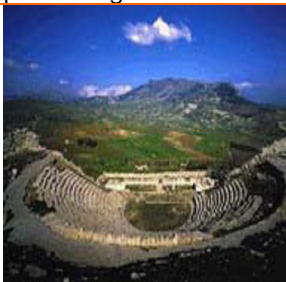
### Day 3 - Selinunte and Erice

	Logistics	Cultural Itinerary	Experiences of Sicily
Morning	Breakfast in the hotel.	Departure for the ancient site of the archaeological site at Selinunte: a visit to the Acropolis and a reconstructed temple.	
Lunch	Lunch and a meeting with the association 'Casa dei Giovani' prepared by young people who are in rehabilitation from drugs.		
Afternoon		Visit to the medieval town of Erice.	
Dinner	Dinner and return home.		

### Day 4 Monte Jato/ Cinisi

	Logistics	Cultural Itinerary	Experiences of Sicily
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Morning	Breakfast in the hotel and then departure for Partinico.		Visit to the confiscated buildings given to the NoE cooperative and talks from members of the society. An interactive talk with an expert from the Fondazione Progetto Legalità. The teachers can have a focus group during these talks.
Lunch	Lunch at the cooperative NoE, made from organic produce grown there.		
Afternoon		Continuation of the trip on to Cinisi and Terrasini.	Visit to places where Peppino Impastato lived and fought his battles: Radio Aut and the house where he was born "Casa Memoria Felicia e Peppino Impastato". It will be possible to meet his brother, Giovanni, or some of his colleagues and to listen to their recollections
Dinner	Dinner at the Pizzeria in Cinisi where 'I Cento Passi' was filmed. Return to hotel.		

### Day 5 - Palermo

	Logistics	Cultural Itinerary	Experiences of Sicily
Morning	Breakfast in the hotel.	Visit to Palermo's historic markets.	Visit to Aula Bunker. Meeting with witnesses or experts
Lunch	Lunch at a Addiopizzo list restaurant. Reunion of all the participants for 'goodbyes' with the organisers and members of the project.		
Afternoon	Transfer to the station or airport.		

### Equipment

Baseball cap, jacket, long trousers, T-shirts, long-sleeved T-Shirts, a jumper,

Trainers, pyjamas and slippers, underwear, wash bag, towelling robe or towels, notebook, pencils, pens.

Its also **useful** to have a camera.

We hope to provide accommodation at la Forestiera Valdese in Palermo, Via G. E Di Blasi 12, Palermo. This is a social project of the Chiesa Valdese. Its works are mainly focused towards infants and the improvement of social and cultural conditions. It also works for the promotion and management for education, welcoming and the upbringing of young people, it also carries out healthcare work. People from abroad also help to bring about its work. Each room is double and en suite.

If this is not available we will make other suggestions, always giving preference to organisations which do social work and respect everyone's rights.

## Further description of the places and the itinerary

### Visit to Palermo



The visit aims to allow the students to get to know Palermo from a historical, artistic and cultural point of view, but also to let them know the reality of those who try to leave a positive impression on the land.

One such organisation is the organisation Addiopizzo (which all the cooperatives on confiscated territories belong to) which fights against the racket of protection money through critical consumerism which involves both the business and the client. Besides meeting with people from Addiopizzo, we hope to provide lunch with one of the businesses which is a member of this organisation. To conclude the day we hope to visit Monreale cathedral, dedicated to Santa Maria Nuova in 1174 on the will of William II of Hauteville. The seat of the archbishop and a monastery for the Benedictines from Cava de Tirreni (abandoned at the moment), Monreale cathedral is one of the most splendid and admired monuments in Italy.



**Portella Della Ginestra** - A remote area in the province of Palermo, near the Piana degli Albanesi, it is renowned for being the place of the first massacre of the Italian State. The massacre happened on the 1st May 1947 when workers returned to celebrate the festival of the workers which had been abolished under Fascism.

About 2000 workers, mainly peasant farmers, in the Piana degli Albanesi area gathered together in this valley, to protest against big land-owners, to support the occupation of the fallow lands and to celebrate the victory of the Blocco del Popolo in the recent elections for the regional assembly. Bursts of machine gun fire were fired in to the crowd, from the surrounding hills, leaving 11 dead (9 adults and 2 children). In the following months it became clear that men sent by the bandit Salvatore Giuliano were responsible, but no one was clear on the facts.

The true instigators of the massacre were never made known, although a report written by the police made clear reference to "reactionary elements in league with the local Mafiosi".

**Piana degli Albanesi** - A town in the province of Palermo which maintains, even today, many Albanian customs and where Arbesh is spoken. The Piana degli Albanesi was originally called Hora which means city. It was founded in 1488 by a group of Albanian refugees fleeing from the Turkish army. They were permitted to occupy this town by Giovanni II of Spain and also to maintain their Greek religion; for this reason the town was also known as "Piana dei Greci".

**Corleone** - Corleone has ancient origins dating back to the first Neolithic period in 6000 B.C. Today it keeps its medieval façade which is enriched by the surrounding natural beauty and unspoilt countryside. It was also the birth place of many people who played an important role in the history of the mafia and the antimafia movement. It is now, thanks to the work of various eye-witnesses, the perfect place to get to know about the life of Placido Rizzotto, the Mayor of Corleone and secretary for the Camera del Lavoro, who was killed on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 1948 because he dared to challenge the local mafia bosses.

**CIDMA** – “The International Centre for Documentation on the Mafia and on the Antimafia Movement”  
CIDMA is a non-profit organisation which aims to promote the study of mafia phenomena and organised crime, as well as the history of the antimafia movement and of individuals who highlighted this movement. It then aims to diffuse and consolidate knowledge of the mafia and make civilised society see the need to fight against such phenomena.



**Selinunte**- Selinunte is situated on a plateau which is 30m higher than the surrounding area. The name derives from Selinon, the wild parsley which grows in the surrounding area. From the ancient city, which was a Greek colony, destroyed by Carthaginian envoys destroying cities which were rivals to Segesta, only archaeological remnants remain.

The archaeological sight of Selinunte consists of the Acropolis, the Western slope, the plain of Contrada Manuzza, the sanctuary of Malophoros in the Gaggera quarter and the 2 Necropolises (Manicalunga and Galera Bagliazzo). All the building material for the temples was excavated from Cave di Cusa.

**Erice** - Rising from the summit of Del Monte San Giuliano, this city has splendid panoramic views of Trapani. The city is surrounded by Ciclopian walls installed by Erimo (7th century B.C). The cathedral (the Matrice) built in 1314, maintains its 13th century, gothic form, with a bell tower and its delicate bifore. The historic centre has a typical medieval street-plan with little squares and narrow, winding streets which face beautiful flower-filled court-yards.



**Radio AUT** - Radio Aut was created in 1977 under the initiative of a group of young militants from the political far left, who decided to turn their demands towards a new revolution in society against the domination and the exploitation which the Mafia held in their lands. From inside the organisation, Giuseppe Impastato was created, born in 1948 in Cinisi from a family with close links to the local mafia clan.

Despite this, when he was still very young, he broke with the Mafia logic and practises of the local leader (connected with Cosa Nostra) and started on a political and cultural course of life, in opposition to the Mafia. “Peppino” was killed in a massive explosion in the night between the 8th and the 9th May 1978; he had been brutally beaten first.

### **Casa Memoria**

Casa Memoria Felicia e Peppino Impastato is the house where Peppino was born, which is open, in accordance with the wishes of Felicia's mother, to whoever would like to visit it. A few steps from Tano Badalamenti's house, it is situated on the main road in Cinisi and is the place where his brother and colleagues relive the story of Peppino.

## **THE SOCIAL COOPERATIVES AND ASSOCIATIONS WHICH MANAGE CONFISCATED GOODS**

### **Cooperativa Sociale Placido Rizzotto**

This cooperative is made up of young people who manage the estate of the Common Consortium 'Development and Law' (around 250 hectares), which was originally confiscated from the bosses Riina, Agrigento and Brusca. The cooperative tries to get people from disadvantaged backgrounds employment here, by creating occupational opportunities and by inspiring them with the principles of solidarity and legality. It cultivates its products organically, to respect for the environment. It also manages an Agritourism centre near the Piana degli Albanesi and an equestrian centre which is attached and dedicated to the young Giuseppe di Matteo, who was a victim of the barbaric mafia acts of Giovanni Brusca. Both the agritourism centre and the equestrian centre were created from goods confiscated by the mafia.

### **Associazione Casa dei Giovani**

This is a non-profit organisation which has been in existence since 1983 with the main aim of giving all its users support and psychosocial acts to help with the prevention, cure and rehabilitation of drug addicts. It is now present on a national scale with its 3 residential centres, 6 welcoming centres, its youth project, its craft workshop and its 2 projects for the reintegration in to the working world of former drug addicts. Since 1999, it has also managed a

33 hectare olive grove, confiscated at Provenzano which is now used for projects to insert former drug addicts in to the working world.

### **Cooperativa NoE (an abbreviation of No Marginalization)**

This organisation came in to being in 1996 in Partitico, where it farms 5 hectares of confiscated land, now put to use for the farming of peppers, tomatoes, aubergines, onions and celery. It sells caponata of aubergines (a traditional Sicilian dish) under the mark "Libera Terra" (Free Earth) and other fruit and vegetable products. It also manages an equestrian centre and looks after social activities connected to the recovery of confiscated territory; it does this through the organisation of nature walks which are mainly directed at schools.

### **Cooperativa Pio La Torre**

Formed on the 22nd June 2007, this is a social cooperative of type B which works on the land of the Common Consortium "Development and Legality", from this it has helped many people from disadvantaged backgrounds to find work. The cooperative was given around 100 hectares of mafia-confiscated land, whose cultivation will be managed according to organic methods, in order to farm in a healthy, natural way, respecting the ecosystem and biodiversity and safe-guarding the natural fertile chemical balance of the land. Other activities in this cooperative include bee-keeping and the management of an agritourism centre at Corleone.

### **Cooperative Elios**

This cooperative was initially founded in 1998 with 9 members, 3 of whom were from disadvantaged backgrounds, all united with the aim of creating a useful social project for the creation a community apartment for drug-addicts. In 1999, therefore, they came to possess a 135m2 villa in the area of Contrada Dammusi, a

few kilometres away from the town of San Giuseppe Jato. The owner of the villa had been Vito Brusca, sentenced to life imprisonment for mafia-type killings.

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## COSTS

The cost of participation depends on the number of students who take part:

Number of participants and assistants	Cost per person
20 + 2 (min)	E445.00
30 + 3	E400.00
40 + 3	E370.00
50 +3 (max)	E355.00

These figures do not include travel costs.

These figures include: overnight stay half board in the guest rooms at Valdese (Palermo) in en suite double rooms; 2 lunches in restaurants which are members of Addiopizzo, Lunch at the Casa dei Guivani association; lunch care of NoE; dinner at the Pizzeria in Cento Passi; an interpreter; a tour guide; entry in to museums and archaeological sights; Insurance; Donations to Casa Memoria and Addiopizzo; donations to the cooperatives Elios and Pio La Torre and to the Fondazione Progetto Legalità; transport within the tour.

## TRAVEL EXPENSES

These will be calculated on request according to the distance and the preferred method of transport (coach, train, boat or plane)

For absolute certainty we have decided to establish a fair compensation to all the local services and the choice of the representatives which are expressions of a supportive economy, in such a way as to guarantee a concrete and significant help to the sustainable development of the host organisations.

- 21% - to organisations which manage confiscated territory (Placido Rizzotto, Casa dei Giovani, NoE etc)
- 17% - to shop/businesses which belong to Addiopizzo
- 43% - to the support of other organisations which work with social aims (for example Foresteria Valdese, social cooperatives, contributions to Casa Memoria, the ethical bank, Fondazione Progetto Legalità etc.)
- 6% - to cultural assets
- 13% - logistics and services