

# SAMPIERDARENA  
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**AMASS - Acting on the margins. Arts as social sculpture**, is a project funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 program. It aims to promote the use of art to address societal challenges through research processes, field actions, and the development of policy guidelines.



**PACO Design Collaborative** is an international network of design-oriented professionals.

We believe that all individuals have the potential to create positive change. We aspire to make this potential available with the tools of design and education to promote social innovation, sustainable behaviours, and fair business opportunities for humanity and the planet.



**L'albero della Vita** is an organisation that operates throughout Italy and in some developing countries. It promotes services for the protection of vulnerable children and families. For L'Albero della Vita, ensuring the children's wellbeing means creating opportunities for a decent, full, and satisfactory life: in other words, offering them proper nutrition, personal and medical care, age-appropriate leisure, social and sports activities, as well as the chance to freely nurture their most intimate aspirations.

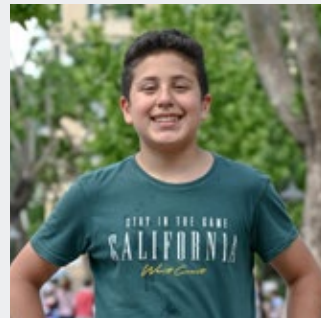
**Varcare la soglia** (Crossing the threshold) - Helping families in Italy in their fight against poverty, Fondazione L'Albero della Vita has intervened in Milan, Genoa, Rome, Catanzaro, and Palermo to assist individuals in precarious economic conditions overcome difficult times and build new happy lives.

## Marco Balostro

**Marco Balostro** has been an active photojournalist on the Ligurian territory since 2009. As a member of the Freaklance Collective based in Genoa, he covers a broad range of topics related to city news, from those that can be exported to the national scene to those of proximity pertaining to the daily and intimate story of the city, its inhabitants, and its neighbourhoods. In addition to publishing his work daily on the pages of *Il Secolo XIX*, his photographs have appeared in major Italian newspapers and magazines.



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## Photo exhibition #sampierdarenadaimieiocchi

The photo exhibition is the result of the art-based workshop #sampierdarenadaimieiocchi addressed to the children in the Sampierdarena neighbourhood (Genoa) in May and June 2021. The initiative is part of the AMASS research project (funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 program), which aims to promote art to tackle societal challenges through research processes, field actions, and policy guidelines.

The PACO Design Collaborative designed the #sampierdarenadaimieiocchi workshop in collaboration with the L'Albero della Vita Foundation and photographer Marco Balostro. It involved children aged between 11 and 13, residents of Ponticelli, and already followed by L'Albero della Vita's "Crossing the Threshold" programme.

During the classes, the youth learned the main concepts of photography, such as composition and lighting techniques, and were invited to put them into

practice by capturing their neighbourhood using an analogue camera and three rolls of film. The photos taken were a pretext for feedback sessions where the participants expressed feelings and thoughts about their lives in the community.

The aim was to see the neighbourhood through their eyes. Photography provided the youth with the opportunity to focus on details that are typically concealed by their daily routines. They were invited to delve deeper into the place where they lived, paying attention to what they liked and disliked about Sampierdarena. This served as the starting point of their reflection on the power each of us has to improve the environment we live in.

The work of the facilitators focused on enhancing the beauty that the boys and girls discovered in the neighbourhood so that it could be replicated and shared with the outside world.







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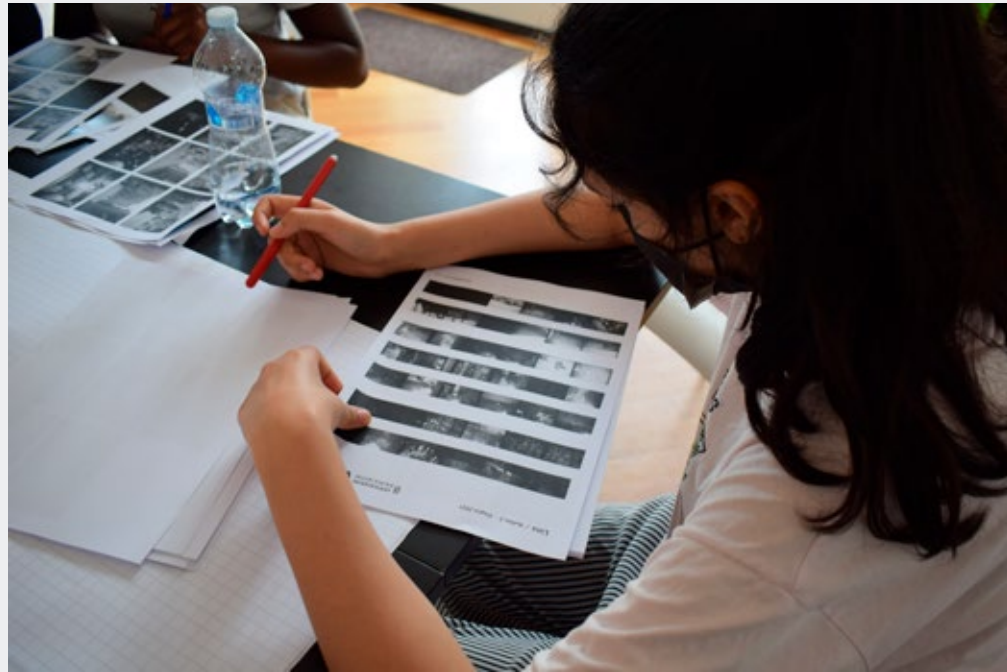




  
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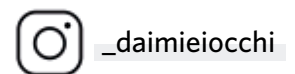


**Brochure of the photographic exhibition  
"Sampierdarena dai miei occhi"**

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