

CPIA of Padua



CPIA (Provincial Centre for Adult Education) is a public institution for adult schooling in Padua founded in 2015 by the reorganization of the former local CTP (Life-Long Learning Territorial Centre).

The CPIA of Padua is made up of ten locations situated in the province of Padua and it also includes a special sector working in the local state prison.

According to the legislation, the CPIA offers the following institutional courses for adults:

- Literacy and Italian language learning courses for foreign citizens;
- First Level course aimed at achieving the final qualification of the lower secondary education and the achievement of the certificate which attests the basic competence related to the compulsory education;
- Second level courses aimed at getting the high school diploma (evening courses), organized by high schools that have a networking programme with the CPIA, thanks to the current legislation.

The CPIA also offers short courses for a long-term education with both internal and external teaching staff; the main purpose of these activities is the key life-long learning competence, particularly digital literacy courses and foreign languages, general cultural courses and citizenship are instituted.

The CPIA works with about sixty internal tenured teachers and forty external teachers with a shortterm contract.

During 2020/2021 people enrolled in courses supplied by the CPIA locations were 1070. They were divided into:

- Italian language courses for foreigners: 739;
- First level education courses: 331;
- Life long learning courses: 0 (due to the pandemic, no courses of life long learning were organized in year 2020/2021, but usually the enrolled people are approximately 1200).

The headteacher of the CPIA di Padova is Stefano Finori since the school year 2021/2022.

Visit of 5th April 2022
School “Camerini-Rossi”



Short presentation of the “Camerini-Rossi” SFP (Scuola Formazione Professionale) Irpea Foundation of Padua

The “Camerini - Rossi” of Padua is a Vocational Education and Training School of which the Irpea Foundation (Istituti Riuniti Padovani di Educazione e Assistenza) is the managing body. Founded in 1876 and associated with FICIAP Veneto since 2000, it has been accredited by the Veneto Region since 2003 in Initial, Continuing, Higher Education and Orientation. Moreover, since 2016 it is also the same for the Services at Work.

The professional courses proposed, recognized and financed by the Veneto Region for students after the 1st secondary school, formerly the Third Media, last three years at the end of which a Certificate of Qualification is expected to be issued with validity not only in our Region, but also in Italy and Europe. Qualified students also have the opportunity to attend the 4th year to obtain the Vet Diploma.

The sectors in which we have been carrying out educational and training activities for decades are those of Self-Repair, with the course of Car Operator, Thermohydraulics, with the course of Thermohydraulic Operator and Multimedia Graphics with the Multimedia Operator.

The Istat survey showed that the percentage of employees one year after graduation is approximately 70%.

Camerini-Rossi has played a fundamental role over the years in the professional preparation of craftsmen and workers, still recognized today by companies with the request for the names of qualified students.

The Director of the school is Silvano Marin.

Visit of 6th April 2022

School “Mario Rigoni Stern” of Asiago (VI)



“Mario Rigoni Stern” High School in Asiago finds its roots in the social and territorial context of the Venetian Prealps in the northern area of the province of Vicenza.

Despite the great availability of environmental and cultural resources, the area is characterised by significant demographic decline, majorly touristic economy and predominance of the agricultural sector and dairy production.

The study programs offered by the School comply with the economic and employment demand of the area:

- The Vocational Agricultural program is deeply integrated into the surrounding rural economy; the curriculum has recently been enriched with cheesemaking courses, also open to adults - mostly unemployed - who want to acquire a new skill with good job opportunities in local farms and business, connected to a universally acknowledged product.
- The Vocational Catering program responds to the necessity of having specialised professionals to employ in the numerous accommodation and catering receptive facilities of the area; some adult training courses are also being prepared to be offered in the future.

- “Made in Italy” Vocational course is embedded in the economy of the province of Vicenza, where the demand for trained workers in the mechanical and mechatronic sectors is always at a high rate.
- The Technical-Economical courses for Administration, Finance and Marketing and Tourism respond to the request of professionals in the service industry, in particular in the tourism economy.
- The Scientific Lyceum - Applied Sciences program - provides a complete overall preparation for academic education, while the Sports program offers a curriculum focused on mountain sports and outdoors activities, integrated with the sporting mountain activities and more generally with sports professions.
- The three-year professional qualification program for Bakery and Pastry-making - “Arte Bianca” - provides a highly practical training for a quick inclusion in the marketplace in the environment of bakery, pastry and pasta.

In addition, in our School it is also possible to enrol to a post-leaving qualification training (ITS) in Tourism Hospitality and Management, addressed to qualified students willing to further specialise in this sector through a two-year training program providing good chances for future work opportunities.

The school counts 700 students overall and winds between two campuses (Polo Lobbia and Polo Pertile) both within the municipal area of Asiago.

The headteacher of the school is Giovanna Deon.

Visit of 7th April 2022

Construction school of Padua

You can see a video presentation of the school at this link in Youtube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-_X3Hc1rZo&t=8s



The Director of the school is Andrea Pagnacco.

Visit of 8th April 2022

The "Padua and its canals" project

environment, employment and social inclusion



The canals that cross the historic center of Padua are a central element of the city's history and cultural identity. Padua was born near a river that provided defense, food, energy for the mills and water connections with the Venetian territory, and over the centuries important hydraulic interventions have taken place to manage the surrounding rivers and canals that have profoundly affected the urban structure and the relations between cities and neighboring territories. The complex network of canals in the historic center of Padua, which represented an internal transport route to the city and a connection with Venice and the Veneto, testifies to the importance of the relationship between the city and the waters over the centuries.

During the twentieth century, following the floods that submerged the city and the decline of commercial shipping, the relationship between Padua and its canals deteriorated. With the decline of interest in waterways as a means of transport, several sections of historic canals have been drained or buried. Left to themselves and deprived of maintenance, the remaining canals were perceived by the citizens as degraded places due to turbid and polluted water, the proliferation of weed vegetation in the riverbed and along the banks and the presence of waste along the banks. Floods and flooding in the cities and neighboring territories have contributed to widening the gap between the citizens and the waters of Padua, which are perceived as a threat to the safety of people, homes and economic activities.

The cancellation of the waterways strongly desired by the city administration in the 1950s, and shared, in the name of modernity, by a large part of the citizens, however, found opponents in an initially minority, but then increasingly widespread, part of the local public opinion, aware of the significant loss of identity and memory that this choice involved.

In 1980 a group of citizens established the "Amissi del Piovego" association (the Piovego is the main canal that crosses Padua). The association had as its objective the protection and enhancement of the Paduan river system and the return to the use of canals through the sporting and amateur practice of the traditional "Venetian rowing" performed on typical boats of the Venetian lagoon.



The association, through initiatives carried out on the canals (recovery of monuments, cleaning days, demonstrations with boats), in recent decades solicited the attention of public opinion and the Municipal Administration to the need to resume the recovery and maintenance of the canals considered as a resource and no longer as a problem.

It was from this decades-long communication and awareness campaign for the cleaning and enhancement of city channels carried out by the Association that a small project was born in 2014: a group of unemployed and young people accessed a training and consultancy course financed with public funds, to the establishment of a social cooperative with statutory purposes the maintenance and enhancement of the Paduan water system. The path was preceded and followed by a technical-scientific comparison with the LASA - Laboratory of Environmental Systems Analysis of the University of Padua.

The project thus aimed to respond to two strongly felt needs: the environmental and the social one of the unemployed, refugees and prisoners on a semi liberty regime, for whom an attempt was made to create employment opportunities.

The cooperative took the name of "Piovego" and started, the first experimental project of cleaning and maintenance of the greenery of the banks of the Piovego and other city channels.

In 2018, the experience took on greater structure thanks to the intervention of the Municipality of Padua and the CARIPARO Foundation which, by cofinancing the "Padua and its canals" project, created a partnership formed between the Municipality of Padua (leader), the Piovego social cooperative, the Amissi del Piovego association and the University of Padua - Department of Industrial Engineering (research group LASA).

"Padua and its canals" wants to implement a landscape-environmental management of the canals of the historic city center based on regular monitoring of the territory and its constant care, and thus demonstrate the environmental, social and economic benefits of ordinary maintenance.



A large part of the costs of ordinary maintenance in the canals of Padua proposed in the project are the costs of mainly manual interventions, namely the salaries of the operators who intervene with the boats to clean the canals. In short, the costs are mainly local jobs in sustainable management of the environment, the famous “green jobs”. Are local jobs, moreover concerning manpower trained to work with high quality and safety in a context as complex as that of the project, are they costs or benefits for the territory? And the social benefits of ordinary maintenance are not limited to this: the care of the vegetation and the cleaning of the canals allow you to enhance the many landscapes of which the waters of Padua are rich - think of the Renaissance walls and the various monuments that are reflected in the channels - and these activities together with the regular presence of operators make the channels not only more decent but also act as a deterrent to deviant behaviors such as micro drug dealing, thus increasing real and perceived security. Thus the frequentation of the canals and their banks by the citizens is promoted in a virtuous circle, as it is the people themselves who act as a deterrent to deviant behavior.