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MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ITINERARIES FOR DIFFERENT DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE IN CORTONA (AR)

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Museo dell'Accademia Etrusca e della Città di Cortona (AR) in Tuscany (Italy) presents a remarkable archaeological collection concerning Etruscans and particularly findings from local Tumulus of archaic period (VI cent.B.C.). Our society (AION Cultura) manages museum's educational activities and extended its projects involving disadvantaged people in every category.

At first we developed a path inside the museum for blind and visually impaired people:

- Through the implementation of panels and captions in Braille alphabet and an optional support in a short Braille book guide
- Through the realization of models or copies of findings so that a blind can easily "see" and understand by touching them
- With guided tour for them thanks internal cultural guides, trained to make individual special tours for blind by National Blind Association of Florence
- With specialized researcher we created an olfactory – sensorial path in the Parco Archeologico del Sodo in Cortona through the execution of several olfactory stations with different essences and perfumes of the vegetation present in Etruscan times

All this was possible for our participation in an European Project in 2002 with Comune di Cortona together with France (Paris) about disabilities and our formation allowed us to propose this experience to other museums like Museo della Preistoria del Monte Cetona (Siena) and Museo Fiorentino di Preistoria, Florence with a project called "Forbidden not to touch" Moreover we continued this program with other kinds of disabilities and we can organize guided tour in the museum for people with mental disease in collaboration with local associations for mental health aid as CAM Association in Cortona. Furthermore in 2018 with Comune di Cortona we start a project of hospitality for immigrants coming from Africa, involving them to make an intercultural garden to treat the main original plants and essences in Parco Archeologico del Sodo.

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Biography

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