

HOMEMADE, Venice 21 - 30 October

Freedom is participating into the life of your own city. Problems of a city belong to its inhabitants, as well as the joy of conducting there a good life. Finding an alternative to the social, economical, environmental and political system, we are part of, is also our duty as inhabitants and citizens. HOMEMADE is a collective project that involves inhabitants of Venice, international experts and professionals to re-think the city, to re-vitalize it and to re-appropriate it.

By learning from the experience of ASC (Agenzia Sociale per la Casa – Social Association for Housing) and of Rebiennale (permanent recycling workshop of materials from the Biennale of Venice) – both practices are aimed at re-using and redefining the urban habitat of Venice –, it sprang HOMEMADE.

HOMEMADE is an experimental workshop which stimulates a sense of belonging, which advocates for the right to the city and for the freedom to choose a sustainable future.

HOMEMADE aims to:

- stimulate participatory and awareness processes
- redefine the urban space as a community space
- re-imagine a city in which inhabitants are able and allowed to decide about needs and priorities
- promote the coexistence between the rural and the urban in the lagoon of Venice
- encourage a sustainable social tourism

The project originated from the collaboration between ASC, Rebiennale, Emiliano Gandolfi, Lucia Babina/iStrike, Exyzt and Refunc, and the participation of Anomalie Urbane (IUAV). HOMEMADE intends to give a voice to inhabitants of Venice and to allow them to decide, through their active participation in a process of transformation, in what kind of city they want to live and cohabit.

### Programme

From 21 to 25 October 2009 place the first phase of HOMEMADE takes place in Morion Lab. Emiliano Gandolfi, Exyzt, Lucia Babina/iStrike, Refunc, together with ASC, will discuss and define proposals for a process of urban and social transformation of Venice.

22 October 2009 participants of HOMEMADE will take part into the workshop LUOGHI COMUNI (common places) by Anomalie Urbane (IUAV) at the University IUAV and in the neighborhood of Santa Marta.

23 October 2009 visits to the neighborhoods Giudecca and Sacca Fisola and meetings with inhabitants. Meeting with Urban code (<http://www.urban-code.it/>) at Meeting of Styles 2009 - Mestre (Venice).

24 October 2009 visit to the neighborhood San Pietro di Castello.

25 October 2009 final discussion and definition of the next step of the project HOMEMADE and of Rebiennale 2009/2010.

Hannes Schreckensberger - Wonderland (Austria) and the artist Marjetica Potrč, will join HOMEMADE, 24 and 25 October, also in order to define future synergies between HOMEMADE and their on-going projects, especially in Venice.

From 26 to 30 October Exyzt will work on the refurbishment of Morion and on the first workshop of recycling of the materials of the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Art Exhibition of the Biennale of Venice.

<http://rebiennale.org>