

HISTORICAL INSTITUTE

L'Istituto storico per la storia della Resistenza e della società contemporanea in provincia di Modena (Institute for the History of the Resistance and Contemporary society in the province of Modena also known as Modena's Historical Institute) was founded on the 18th November 1950. It's an association of social promotion with the participation of public bodies. It also has agreements with 36 municipalities and with the provincial administration.

The affiliated entities are the municipalities of Bastiglia, Bomporto, Campogalliano, Camposanto, Carpi, Castelfranco Emilia, Castelnuovo Rangone, Castelvetro di Modena, Concordia sulla Secchia, Fanano, Fiorano Modenese, Formigine, Lama Mocogno, Maranello, Marano sul Panaro, Medolla, Mirandola, Modena, Montese, Nonantola, Novi di Modena, Palagano, Pavullo nel Frignano, Prignano sulla Secchia, Ravarino, Riolunato, San Cesario sul Panaro, San Felice sul Panaro, San Possidonio, San Prospero, Savignano sul Panaro, Soliera, Sestola, Spilamberto, Vignola, Zocca, provincial administration of Modena, Federal Chamber of Labour and Fondazione Modena 2007. The Institute also cooperates with local authorities that are not affiliated. Other members that cooperate with the Institute are Partisan associations Anpi, Alpi, Fiap and Lega provinciale delle cooperative.

The Institute is also a member of the National institute for the history of the Liberation movement in Italy, which was founded in 1949 by Ferruccio Parri. Currently, it groups a network of 66 cultural institutions operating on the national territory, mainly in the center-north.

The Institute maintains continuous relations with the Fossoli Ex Campo Foundation, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Maison d'Izieu, mémorial des enfants juifs exterminés (France) and Historical Institutes of Emilia-Romagna. It is also a founding partner of the Villa Emma Foundation- rescued Jewish children.

THE MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE

Modena's Historical Institute is a non-profit association.

Since 2004, it has been registered on the Provincial Register of Social Promotion Associations. It proposes the development of documentary heritage, research, educational activity, cultural initiative and public reflection on issues concerning the history and the memory of the twentieth century with a focus on the events of Antifascism and Liberation Struggle.

The Institute operates in the following areas to achieve its objectives:

1. The promotion of studies, events, conferences, scientific initiative, exhibitions and periodical publications, with specific attention to the testing of innovative research and communication methods;
2. Research, collection, acquisition and classification of documents and audiovisual material relevant to the Institute's objectives;

3. The preparation and implementation of research and projects for the innovation of contemporary history teaching aimed at schools and in particular teachers, and the elaboration and delivery of training courses concerning the history of the twentieth century aimed at an extra-school audience;
4. The design, promotion and management of places of memory, museums and cultural spaces in collaboration with local authorities and institutions;
5. Coordination and implementation of cultural programs of the Public Administrations within the various anniversaries and celebrations of historical relevance.

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