



## «DAR and the temporary housing»

# The mission

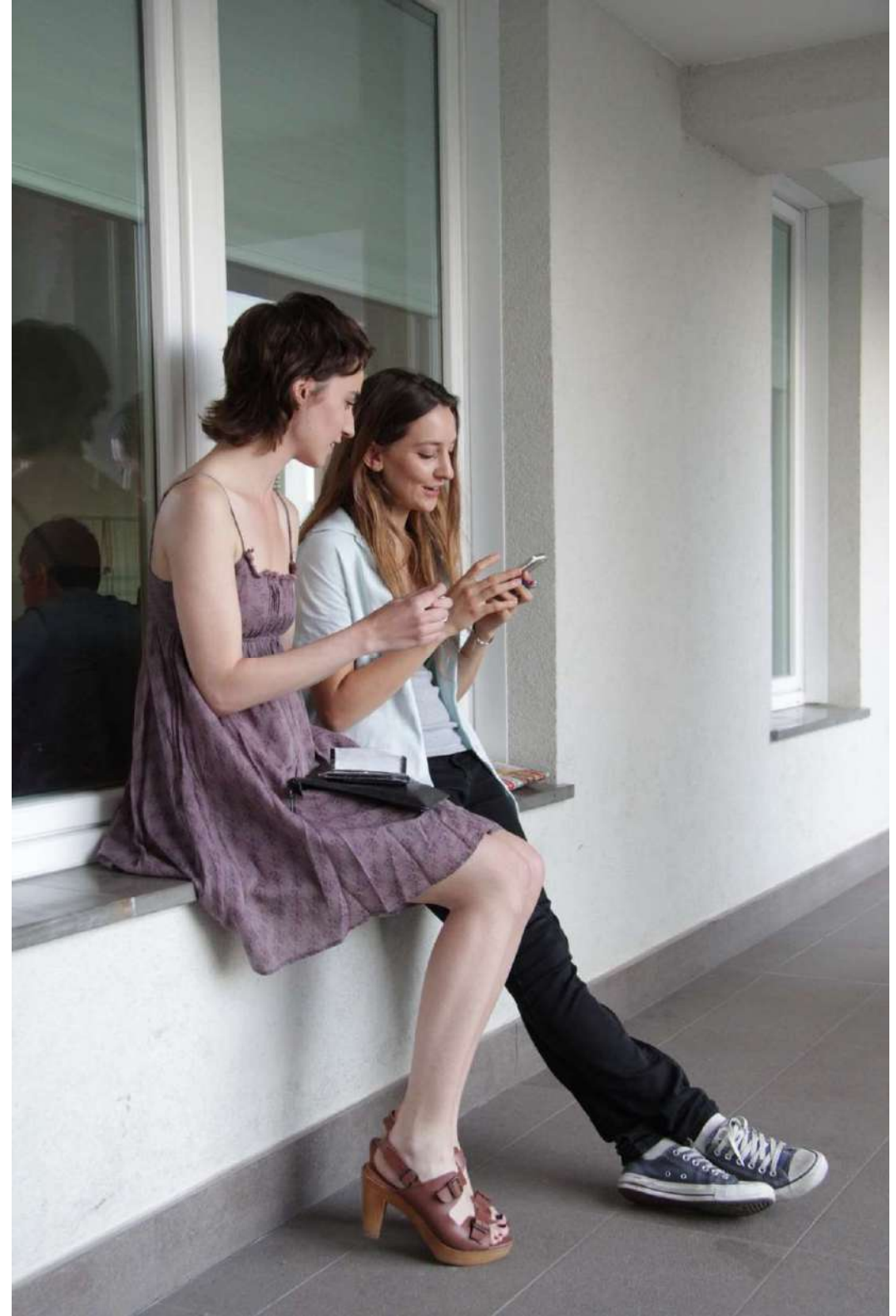
- DAR = CASA is a not-for-profit co-operative founded in 1991. Its mission is to create affordable housing for low income citizens in Milan and surrounding areas.
- Both “DAR” and “CASA” mean home, in Arabic and Italian respectively. In the past we primarily answered to the migrants demand of affordable housing. They are from at least twenty different countries.





# The new demand

- As we know, the profile of housing demand is now more diverse than ever before. In the last five years, DAR=CASA has been working to analyze and address the needs of different and new targets of population like young people and families in emergency.
- New housing projects have been started, thus significantly increasing the total number of flats managed by the cooperative. At the moment DAR=CASA manages about 500 flats.



# The approach

- Through these new projects DAR=CASA's traditional working method has been improved and adapted to changing living aspirations and situations.
- How does the cooperative usually work? To us “home” is not just “a roof over your head”, but it is the whole relationships that goes with housing.
- So we provide an **integrated management service**:
  - property and facility management** of the buildings, offering inhabitants technical, administrative and social assistance. Starting from the deep knowledge the cooperative has of its member's stories and situations, we also develop **social interventions** aimed at strengthening social bonds, promoting social cohesion and local development in the low-income neighborhoods.





## The common spaces

- In the most recent projects, an important opportunity to create and reinforce social bonds is represented by common spaces where inhabitants can meet together and collaborate to organize shared activities to address common needs and desires. These assets can contribute to generate collaborative groups and relationships both among inhabitants and between them and the local contexts. Inhabitants are asked and supported to directly engage in the life of their neighborhoods to improve their quality of life.
- A collaborative approach is chosen to manage effectively social mixed contexts in order to create the conditions for social sustainability of the housing projects.





## Residenza Sociale

- In Milan there is an emergency house situation. The number of evicted families is always growing up and there are like 22.000 families inscribed in the list for public housing each year.
- DAR in 2014 built up a pilot project with the municipality of Milan for answering to this demand.



## Residenza Sociale

- DAR manages a building with 12 apartments for families in emergency. The property of the apartments is of the Municipality of Milan. The families were evicted from the private market because they couldn't pay rent, but they are in the lists for public housing. These families are individuated from the Municipality of Milan and they are temporary hosted in the apartments managed by DAR, in order to wait the public houses they have the right to access.
- The focus of the project is on receiving families that came from emergency situations, improving relationships between the families that are hosts . There is also a common space in the building that is dedicated to this type of work.



## Foyer di Cenni

- From 2009 to 2014 in Milan there was a relevant growth of young residents (68% of the total growth). Milan is able to attract 172.000 new residents in the next 10 years. The major limit to the arrival of young people in the city is represented by the costs of housing. The private market is unapproachable for young people.
- In 2014 DAR built up a pilot project for answering to this social demand with low rent beds.





## Foyer di Cenni

- DAR manages 5 apartments with 27 beds for young people from 18 to 30 years old, who study or have a temporary work. The Foyer is located in a innovating social housing context named Cenni Di Cambiamento.
- The focus of the project is about working on the relationships between the young hosts, and between the hosts and the social housing context. There are common spaces in each apartment and in the building that are an opportunity to create and reinforce social bonds between inhabitants.