



Collettivo Askavusa

Askavusa is a collective founded in March 2009 in Lampedusa (Italy) right after a massive protest against the construction of a new migrant detention centre. Over the years, the collective has committed itself locally, organising cultural activities for the promotion and development of the island. At the same time, Askavusa has worked hard to denounce causes and consequences of human migrations which characterise the Mediterranean Sea area.

Since 2009, Askavusa organises the LampedusaInFestival, a film festival about migration, civil liberties, and globalisation. Furthermore, the collective has brought up a constant and meticulous work of collection and conservation of objects rescued from migrants' boats arrived in Lampedusa. Part of the objects are now exhibited in PortoM: a permanent exposition of objects that wants to be witness of the stories of thousands of people who crossed the island of Lampedusa.

The collective has managed to go ahead with its work because it has received the help of a number of associations, citizens' networks, and volunteers who have supported constantly Askavusa.

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