Libera was born to meet a need for justice, to honour a thirst for truth, and build paths of hope and change. It was created to address the solitude of those whose lives were broken by Mafia violence, for all those engaged in combating organised crime and the corruption that makes it possible. Libera is a narrative of meeting and exchange. Libera is a network of more than 1500 national and local associations, movements and groups, and cooperatives, each with its own tradition, background, and set of values, with its own mission. Libera has become a shared and responsible archive thanks to the innocent mafia victims’ families, who strive to keep their loved ones’ ideals and dreams alive. Libera is the projects and paths to achieve social justice and dignity for people. Freeing our country from mafia, corruption and illegality is our collective dream. A common commitment is necessary to achieve it. For the last 25 years, we have committed to engage ourselves with renewed strength and enthusiasm. We are aware that Libera will always be our medium, not our purpose. Our purpose is freedom.

46% of Libera’s implemented paths, projects and activities in Italy and abroad is funded thanks to the support of private citizens who choose to make a one-off donation or to support the association on a regular basis, to remember a loved one with a donation in memory, to celebrate special life moments of their own or of their friends, of relatives choosing the solidarity scrolls or gadgets offered by Libera, through legacies to make the difference also in the future, by donating the 5x1000 of their Italian income to Libera.

Let’s keep walking together

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In the courtrooms, an extraordinary exercise in participatory democracy took place. On February 2, 2011, during the trial against Virga and Mazzara, accused of the murder of Mauro Rostagno, Libera began its journey in the courtrooms. Since February 2011, Libera has participated as civil plaintiff in dozens of proceedings throughout Italy, from North to South, against mafia losses.

Since 2006, Libera has been promoting “contramafiecorruzione, the general states of the anti-mafia” with one-day workshops, debates and proposals for a renewed commitment to free us from mafia and corruption. Combating corruption’s message is not only against all mafia, corruption, and the patronage networks that feed the business of criminal organisations, but also the building paths of friendship, citizenship, legality, justice, and solidarity. The dignity of every human being is our fundamental value and the most valid antidote to the proliferation of mafia violence and oppression.

Every summer, thousands of young and less young people participate in engagement and training camps on confiscated assets from mafias. This is a week dedicated to training on social anti-mafia issues and knowledge on the areas involved, immersion in social commitment experiences and in-depth study. The Numeri Pari network virtually takes up the baton with the “iniziative ladra” campaign, with the aim of creating a movement that puts poverty and inequality back at the centre of the political agenda, for a fairer society based on social and environmental justice.

Libera has always been involved in schools, universities, and working with young people, alongside teachers, in parishes, with many voluntary associations. Training is fundamental to supporting our commitment and the construction of civil practices to counter social injustices, corruption and mafias, for the construction of cohesive contexts, attentive to civil and human growth of individuals in communities.

Libera Memoria deals with both keeping alive the memory of the mafia’s innocent victims and walking alongside their relatives, organising debate and training opportunities. Thanks to their generous testimonies, it collects the stories of the mafia’s innocent victims. Libera assumed the responsibility of knowing these stories, supporting family members in the process of transforming pain into commitment, demanding truth and justice for all the victims was to build together a public and shared memory (vivi.libera.it). We have practiced this every year, since 1996, with the Day of Remembrance and Commitment in memory of the Mafia’s innocent victims.

Libera la natura, Libera in goal, D(i)ritti in rete: there are many initiatives that combine sports with moments of training, testimonies and meeting paths of hope and change.

While the mafias and corruption increasingly know no borders, the social anti-mafia cannot remain on the borders of a single country. Libera has thus decided to engage in the international dimension of its commitment, involving associations, names and numbers of different origins and with different geographical focus, particularly in Latin America, Europe and Africa.

It is a project aimed at youngsters between the ages of sixteen and twenty, serving a criminal sentence by the Juvenile Judicial Authority and engaged in a compensation process. Many of them are at their first offenders and follow a path with Libera involving the court and social workers and provides for each of them as a path of compensation, social and responsible anti-mafia action.

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A new editorial project, lavialibera, was founded by Libera and Gruppo Abele. It consists of a bimonthly paper issue, a website (lavialibera.it) and an active presence on the main social channels. The paper issue contains investigations, interviews, opinions, and theme columns; the website offers daily monitoring of the themes that are most dear to our hearts. Lavialibera grows in the provision of tools, skills and reading keys necessary to decipher today’s world with insights into mafias, corruption, environment and migration.