The Ocean Space educational program aims to engage and involve the teaching community and students of all levels, dealing with issues related to pressing environmental and social challenges, seeking to create a new “ocean generation”, actively defining a new kind of ecological awareness.

One of its main objectives is to contribute to the growth of citizens who are increasingly aware of how important the oceans are for the future of humanity, a necessary resource that must be protected for the existence of all forms of life on planet Earth.

Since Ocean Space opened in 2019, all our activities have been conceived to direct schools towards environmental issues through a participatory, polyphonic and active dialogue. The “Ocean Schools” program, a permanent fixture, starts at the beginning of the academic year with training sessions for teachers, the first of which is an inauguration and introduction to the activities. The course is developed with thematic insights, theoretical reflections and practical suggestions in mind.

After the first teaching-oriented phase, the program directly involves students with training sessions and digital workshops, linking directly with schools, aimed at encouraging collective reflection, critical thinking and inspiring conscious efforts to protect the environment. This year, students of various grades aged between 7 and 19, will explore: the themes of “Ocean Blue”, “Ocean Objects” and “Ocean Stories” together with researchers from the Institute of Marine Sciences ISMAR-CNR; the forms and practices of observation and “visualization data” through the “peer to peer” method (young people talking to other young people); the creation of digital audiovisual materials in the classroom with young video makers. As forms of collective and participatory environmental action, the works created by the students will form part of a digital exhibition on our international platform, Ocean Archive.
GOALS

- To create a community of teachers and students that can grow together with Ocean Space.
- To create and share ecological awareness in order to improve the environment through a multidisciplinary approach and triggering a lifelong learning process.
- To plan together, discussing what the needs and requirements for understanding are: continuous discussion with and feedback from the students, teachers and educational staff of Ocean Space.
- To initiate courses in two disciplinary areas: science and technology / literature, anthropology, arts and linguistics.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES 2022 | 2023

- September - December 2022: training sessions for teachers of all levels through an integrated approach: both face-to-face and online.
- January - April 2023: training sessions and workshops for students through digital channels to support the creation of audiovisual materials in the classroom.
- June 2023: final event - the digital exhibition.

Teacher training

1. Thursday September 22nd 2022 at 3pm “The sea as a workshop - Schools Open Day“ for teachers of all levels in person at Ocean Space together with Alessandra Falconi, atelier metodo Bruno Munari ®, curator of the Alberto Manzi Center of Bologna and of the Zaffiria Center of Rimini. A guided tour of the exhibitions will follow.

2. Thursday October 6th 2022 at 4pm “Memories from the sea at the Piccolo Museo del Diario. Personal stories that have become collective and universal“ in collaboration with the Piccolo Museo del Diario in Santo Stefano della Pieve (Arezzo). Online event via Zoom.

3. Thursday October 27th 2022 at 4pm “The sea and its symbolism in cultures around the world“ in collaboration with PIME – Museo Popoli e Culture di Milano. Online event via Zoom.

4. Thursday, November 17th, 2022 at 4pm “Reading the cards: what maps can tell us“ in collaboration with the Department of Earth System Sciences and Technologies for the Environment, CNR-DSSTTA in Rome. Online event via Zoom.

Student training

- Environmental activism practices through the “peer to peer“ method: young people talking to other young people.

Educational paths:

- “Ocean Blue: blue signs in the landscape“, aimed at elementary school classes.
- “Ocean Objects: narrating blue space with objects“, aimed at middle school classes.
- “Ocean Stories: stories of the sea“, aimed at high school classes.

* All activities are completely free but registration is required. More information will be communicated via email.
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