



Dianova Italy, Dianova International and the Department of Special Needs Education (University of Ghent-Belgium) cordially invite you to the:

## XVI° International EWODOR Symposium The Therapeutic Community Model: a Tool for Empowerment 22nd/23rd September 2016 - Rome (Italy)

*Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta - Department of Human Studies - Piazza delle Vaschette, 101*

This year's EWODOR symposium will be dedicated to acquiring a better understanding of the empowerment process that takes place in the therapeutic community (TC) model of treatment for addictive disorders.

The concept of empowerment is embedded in the TC model of treatment, based on reciprocal respect and grounded on the idea that people empower themselves, while professionals and peers are there to assist them in doing so.

We will take a closer look on the driving forces underlying the empowerment process through six different experiences in TCs: migrants, minors, prison population, women, patients with dual disorders and patients with non-substance-related addictive disorders.

The EWODOR symposium is open to qualitative and quantitative research approaches. We also welcome historical, philosophical and social contributions relevant to this theme from a theoretical point of view.

The symposium is for post-graduate researchers and PhD students, and professionals in the field of substance abuse treatment and intervention in the criminal justice system.

*Don't forget that all roads lead to Rome!*



Dianova Italy is a non-profit association legally recognized in Italy for over thirty years, offering five therapeutic communities and one under-age centre, individualized services and programs for people with problems of addiction to substances.

The European Working Group on Drugs Oriented Research (EWODOR) aims to provide a forum for European researchers and health professionals in the drugs area to share research experience and expertise. Since 1983 it yearly organizes an international symposium.

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