

Access Notes and Shared Agreements

Altra Risorsa Conference 2026

The Altra Risorsa conference is committed to creating a meeting space that is as accessible and welcoming as possible. We consider accessibility an ongoing process: we are taking initial steps and we know there is still much work to do. For this reason, we aim to be clear about what we can offer at this stage and avoid creating false expectations. Our goal is not to create the same experience for everyone, but to make a full experience possible for as many participants as possible.

We warmly welcome suggestions and feedback, especially from disabled participants or people with specific access needs.

Language and translation

The main languages of the conference will be **Italian and English**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide sign language interpretation (neither Italian Sign Language – LIS nor International/English Sign Language).

- All keynote sessions will be **simultaneously translated using Bidule headsets**. On Saturday translation will be from **English into Italian**, and on Sunday from **Italian into English**.
- In the programme available at the link below, the languages for each workshop, panel, or presentation are indicated according to the following legend:
(ITA): Italian only
(ENG): English only
(ITA/ENG): simultaneous translation or whisper translation available for both languages
- During workshops and panels we will try to facilitate understanding through informal translation or short summaries.
- We invite presenters to speak at an accessible pace and, when possible, to avoid overly technical language.

Guidance for presenters

To support the participation of everyone, we ask presenters to:

- Use **captions** in videos whenever possible.
- **Verbally describe images** shown in slides or on screen.
- **Describe any actions happening in the space** during demonstrations or performances.
- Begin with a **brief self-introduction**, including if desired:
 - name and pronouns
 - where you are joining from
 - a short description of your practice or research.

- **Explain the structure of your contribution**, indicating timing and format (presentation, activity, discussion). This helps participants manage attention, energy and wellbeing.

Space and venue

The conference will take place at [Casa del Quartiere di San Salvario](#), a civic and cultural space open to the community that hosts social, cultural and educational activities.

The [Case del Quartiere in Turin](#) are shared public spaces that promote participation, collaboration between associations and citizens, and access to culture and local services.

General characteristics of the space:

- the venue is part of an **active community centre**, so other activities may take place at the same time
- some areas include **multi-purpose rooms, courtyards or shared spaces**
- the atmosphere is **informal and participatory**, reflecting the community nature of the venue

The space includes: **driveway access, ramp and lift; all rooms are accessible to everyone.**

Participation

We aim to foster an environment that is as **flexible and welcoming as possible**.

- It is possible to **move around the space**, take breaks, or leave and return when needed, taking care when possible of the other participants and the environment
- We encourage everyone to **take care of their wellbeing** during the event.
- Participation in the proposed activities is **always optional**.

We recognise that time, rhythms and modes of participation do not work the same way for everyone. We therefore try to maintain a degree of flexibility.

Access check-in

At the beginning of the conference we will hold a short **access check-in** to share practical information about the space, timing and ways of participating.

Participants are invited to share any access needs or preferences whenever possible.

Quiet / break space

During the conference, on the **first floor**, there will be a **quiet space (break space)** for anyone who may need to rest, take a pause, or step away temporarily from the main environment.

This space is open for anyone to use. We kindly ask everyone to respect its quiet nature by keeping noise levels low.

In the quiet space you will also find a small **access table** with items intended to support comfort and participation during the event. Anyone is welcome to use them and return them to the table afterwards.

Available items may include:

- stim toys
- ear plugs
- water
- other small items that may help with comfort during the event

Participants are encouraged to use anything that may help them take part in the way that works best for them.

Brave space

This event is a space for dialogue, learning and respect, where disagreement and emotions are welcome, without attacks or discrimination.

Shared agreements:

Listen

We listen with attention and presence, even when perspectives differ.

Speak with responsibility

We express our ideas while considering their impact on others.

Welcome disagreement

Conflict can be a source of learning when approached with respect.

Step beyond comfort

Learning requires courage, openness and a willingness to be challenged.

Non-negotiable respect

Racism, sexism, LGBTQIA+phobia, ableism, ageism or any form of discrimination will not be tolerated.

Points of contact

If you feel uncomfortable, stressed, or involved in a problematic situation, you can turn to the designated contact persons (recognisable by an item of clothing or accessory that will be indicated at reception) or to the organising team. Listening is confidential and non-judgmental.

An evolving process

Accessibility is not a checklist but a practice that develops over time. At the moment we may not be able to meet all access needs — for example regarding some specific sensory or language requirements — but we are working to improve step by step.

If you are attending the conference and have suggestions on how to make the space more accessible and inclusive, we would be very happy to hear from you.