

From: "Joan Marc Simon" <jm.simon@no-burn.org>

To: <gaia.eu@lists.riseup.net>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 12:31 PM

Subject: [gaia.eu] FW: Urgent: help needed

> Hi all,

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> Please do respond to Paul Connett's request for Italy.

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> all the best,

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> JM

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> paul@fluoridealert.org wrote:

>> Dear Neil,

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>> I have just arrived in Italy again. We are confronted with an urgent
>> situation. I am in Capannori, the first town in Italy to declare a zero
>> waste program. Very important not only for Italy but the rest of the
>> world. Very good people here, including Rossano Ercolini who organizes
>> all my trips to Italy and is the brains behind the zero waste program
>> here in Italy.

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>> The mayor here - the one who has had the balls to go full blast on a
>> zero waste program is up for re-election. He is up against stiff
>> opposition from a right wing candidate. If he loses it will be a HUGE
>> setback for our efforts. It is really important the Giorgio
>> Delghinargo gets elected. To that end it would be very helpful if
>> members of ZWIA and GAIA send emails to Rossano at
>> ambientefuturo@interfree.it
>> <<mailto:ambientefuturo@interfree.it>> explaining how important
>> Capannori's zero waste program is for the zero waste program worldwide
>> and how important it is to have Giorgio re-elected to keep this
>> important leadership role continued in Italy. I will be reading excerpts
>> from these emails at a meeting tomorrow and other meetings. Really
>> important to get messages from as many countries as possible, to stress
>> the worldwide importance of this matter.

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>> If people are willing to say that Capannori and Giorgio have been an
>> inspiration to everyone working for zero waste around the world and how
>> they hope this leadership will continue - it would be great.

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>> Fingers crossed for a huge response to this appeal!

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>> Paul Connett

From: "Joost De Cock" <joost@decock.org>

To: <ambientefuturo@interfree.it>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 9:48 PM

Subject: Open letter to the citizens of Capannori

> Dear citizens of Capannori,

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> My name is Joost De Cock, and I am chairman of 'Stop de Oven', an action
> group battling waste incineration and promoting zero-waste. We are the
> biggest organisation of our kind in Belgium.
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> I'm addressing you, the citizens of Capannori, directly because less than
> a month from now, you will be able to cast your vote in the 'elezioni
> amministrative' of 2009.
> A vote that will have a greater impact on Europe than your vote in the
> 'Elezioni Europee', where you'll be voting for your representatives in the
> European Parliament.
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> That may come across as a wildly inaccurate statement, but it is not as
> Capannori is the first town in Italy to declare a zero-waste program.
> As such, the upcoming elections are also a vote of trust towards the
> zero-waste program, and because of that, we ask you, the citizens
> Capannori, to re-elect your current mayor Mr. Giorgio Del Ghingaro.
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> Although I am certain that Mr. Del Ghingaro's primary concern is the
> well-being of you, the citizens of Capannori, he also plays a vital role
> in our struggle for a more responsible approach towards waste management,
> and the dream of a better future for us and the future generations.
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> By declaring the zero-waste program in Capannori, Mr. Del Ghingaro's has
> stepped into the limelight as an example for policy makers all over Europe
> An example that we've often referred to when talking to our own policy
> makers.
> The zero-waste program of Capannori underscores the great role and
> responsibility that lies with local government, and maybe most important,
> with local communities.
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> I am fully aware that local issues will influence your vote. You should
> however at least be aware of the important role the Capannori zero-waste
> program and Mr. Del Ghingaro play in our striving towards zero-waste
> communities.
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> Not having Mr. Del Ghingaro re-elected would not only be a blow to our
> struggle for a better future, it would also stand in stark contrast to the
> message of hope that is inherently linked to the the name 'Capannori' for
> all of us who have a stake in the fight against waste incineration.
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> Know that we will always respect your choice, but know also that many
> people throughout Europe share our hope that the citizens of Capannori
> will reaffirm their commitment to the zero-waste program, so that Mr. Del
> Ghingaro can continue his work.
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> The Capannori zero-waste program, the Capannori citizens, and Capannori
> mayor Mr. Del Ghingaro are role models within the zero-waste movement.
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> Thanks in advance for taking your unique status into consideration on
> election day.

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> With warm regards,

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> Joost De Cock

> Chairman of vzw Stop de Oven

> Belgium

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From: Alan Watson

To: Rossano Ercolini

Cc: Paul Connett

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 12:59 AM

Subject: Zero Waste in Capanorri

Giorgio Del Ghingaro is doing a wonderful job in leading Capanorri forward in the a truly sustainable way. The eyes of Wales, and the world, are upon your town and the Zero Waste programme that is an inspiration I hope we will emulate with our own emerging waste management Strategy.

We wish you every success in continuing and improving this impressive scheme with Giorgio Del Ghingaro as your Mayor.

Very best wishes

Alan Watson

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From: Arnold Woolley

To: ambientefuturo@interfree.it

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 10:11 PM

Subject: Giorgio Del Ghinargo & Zero Waste

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From: Cervini Herz Dinorah

To: ambientefuturo@interfree.it

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 2:58 PM

Subject: rifiuti zero

Caro Rossano,

è passato ormai tanto tempo da quando sono venuta a Capannori con la mia troupe (TV svizzera). Mi piacerebbe tornare, per documentare come procede la vostra splendida esperienza, per parlare ancora con il vostro sindaco, così attento e lungimirante, per mostrare agli svizzeri – spesso diffidenti nei confronti di iniziative italiane – quanta intelligenza e quanta creatività possa esprimere un comune come il vostro...

Conto di organizzare qualcosa per l'autunno. Nel frattempo, porta i miei saluti al sindaco e a tutta la giunta. Ciao e grazie per tutto quello che fai.

Dinorah Cervini

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From: Sonia Mendoza

To: Rossano Ercolini

Cc: Ric Anthony ; Gary Liss ; Eric Lombardi ; Joan Marc Simon ; Zwia ; Paul Connett

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 2:37 PM

Subject: Zero Waste Capannori

Dear Rossano,

Bravo, Rossano!

On behalf of Mother Earth Foundation - Philippines we offer you and Mayor Giorgio Delghinargo our heartfelt best wishes and congratulations on your zero waste program for Capannori!

The importance of such a laudable and much needed move cannot be overlooked and brushed aside. We have seen the waste situation in Naples during the ZWIA International Dialog. We have similar situations here in the Philippines where such inspiring and gutsy projects are threatened when a new leadership that does not share the same vision come into fore. As this program depends largely on the political leadership of a municipality or city, it is very important for the political leader of the municipality or city to be reelected to be able to continue this worthy program. This will serve as a prime example to all the areas in the world mired in waste that a "World without Waste" is possible and doable.

Good luck and more power! We pray that the brave Mayor Delghinargo will be reelected to continue to give you and your group the much needed political and moral support for a Zero Waste Capannori and eventually, a Zero Waste Italy.

Ciao and all the best,

Sonia

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From: "Ralph Ryder" <ralph.ryder@googlemail.com>

To: <ambientefuturo@interfree.it>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 9:30 PM

Subject: Giorgio Del Ghinargo

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> forth-coming elections.

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> Wishing you good health

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From: David Roman

To: ambientefuturo@interfree.it

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 9:49 AM

Subject: Zero Waste in Capannori

This is just a quick message of support for the Zero Waste Program in Capannori, and the role of Giorgio Delghingaro in implementing and promoting it.

I have been very impressed by everything I have heard about Capannori's success in achieving very low refuse levels in a short space of time, and the associated policy moves on single use packaging, nappies and so on. I have been working on a Zero Waste Program in Wales, UK, for three years now and it is important that we can point to Capannori and other areas to demonstrate the potential for quick wins and job creation. Our best Zero Waste area is not quite at the level of Capannori yet, but it is close, and it is recognized by our national media as an example for others. The latest government policy document in Wales has Zero Waste as an aim and it is now being recognized as a pragmatic goal by politicians. The visionary approach of Giorgio Delghingaro and others is helping policy makers and communities in many

parts of the world to tackle climate change and financial slowdown with practical action.

Regards

David Roman

Director

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From: Gillespie Gerry

To: ambientefuturo@interfree.it

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 7:31 AM

Subject: Zero Waste

Dear Rossano,

I write to offer my support for the work of yourself and all others in Italy working toward Zero Waste.

The world is now progressing toward a time when we will reach 'peak phosphate' when the world will run out of mineable quantities of phosphorus. This important element in every cell will no longer be left in the world in any great quantity in around 30 years time. The only places where we will be able to access this and the other 60 to 90 minerals, nutrients and trace elements which make up the structure of plants, animals and humans, will be waste streams.

All of us involved in the waste and recycling industries must focus our efforts on returning all organic materials to farming, to sustain agriculture and the future for our grandchildren.

On a resource limited planet we must all become conservators of everything we use.

We must eliminate incineration and landfill of all resources and return them as clean quality products for reuse by future generations.

All the very best of luck and success in your work.

Kind regards,

Gerry Gillespie

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From: Helen Spiegelman

To: ambientefuturo@interfree.it

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 5:25 AM

Subject: We are watching Capannori's Zero Waste example

Hello,

I am writing in support of the zero waste program championed by your Mayor, and I am hoping that he is successful in the upcoming election. This is a time of great change all over the world. We are all trying to learn how to become Zero Waste Communities. When you have a good leader who has a vision of a bright future with a strong green economy and healthy cradle-to-cradle industries, it is important to keep the movement going. I wish your community success in re-electing this Mayor, who has inspired many visitors from all over the world,

Sincerely,

Helen Spiegelman

Vancouver, British Columbia (Canada)

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[Zero Waste Vancouver](#)

From: Eric Lombardi

To: Neil Tangri ; GAIA ZW list

Cc: paul@fluoridealert.org ; eric@ecocycle.org ; ambientefuturo@interfree.it

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 4:26 AM

Subject: [GAIA Zero Waste] Capanorri we honor!

Greetings Rossano,

The mayor of Capanorri, Mr. Giorgio Delghinargo, has brought international respect to both Capanorri and Italy by showing his courage and vision in his support of the global Zero Waste Movement. My home town half way across the world in Colorado, USA, now knows about your leadership and dedication to changing the world, and we thank you on behalf of our children and their futures. We are a world family, and when Capanorri extended its hand to us to join them, we came to your wonderful community and were inspired. My grandfather came from Italy, and my whole family here in America were honored and excited to join with you in creating HOPE for the future. I say grazie, and I urge everyone there to support this wonderful man in his public career.

In respect,

Eric Lombardi

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From: Maxine Narburgh

To: 'Ambientefuturo'

Cc: paul@fluoridealert.org

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 1:42 AM

Subject: Zero Waste Capannori

Rossano,

I hope you are well, it is unfortunate that you are in such a difficult situation after making such groundbreaking progress.

Capannori's Zero Waste programme is an inspiration to communities around the world. It is difficult to find such brave leadership that not only provides a model for other Italian regions but that also invigorates Zero Waste communities in Europe. It has been a great pleasure to work with you on your Zero Waste campaign and I am saddened to think that the work that has been undertaken so far, could be at risk from this election. Italy has some very good practices in the North of the country and some very difficult situations in the South, where unsustainable practices and poor leadership is leading to health problems and environmental pollution in communities, as well as preventing new jobs from being created through clean green Zero Waste programmes and technologies. The Zero Waste Capannori programme, is important for the European Zero Waste communities, and in the UK, it provides another example of the 'art of the possible'. It shows what people and Governments can do to promote and implement Zero Waste initiatives to create jobs and improve wellbeing, mitigate climate change and prevent environmental pollution. This is an important year for Italy as Chair of the G8 leading to the Copenhagen agreement in December 2009, possibly one of the most important decisions that will be made in our lifetimes.

It is very important in Europe, and internationally that the Zero waste Capannori programme continues to grow in strength and momentum. I would strongly encourage the people of your region to support your campaign to re-elect Giorgio Delghinargo, whom by all accounts has demonstrated great leadership and inspiration to the rest of the world.

I wish you the best of luck and a great victory in your efforts.

Yours

Maxine Narburgh

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From: Douglas Marcham

To: ambientefuturo@interfree.it

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 3:21 AM

Subject: GEORGIO DEL GHINARGO

As we have only one planet and the plundering of its resources must be greatly modified

if, in the near future, it is to support human and all other forms of life
At the recent Zero Waste international conference in Naples it showed that Italy has those with the understanding and will to effect that urgently needed essential modification / rescue.

Giorgio Del Ghinargo is one of those with that understanding and I do hope the voters will elect him and thus not only help Italy but also other countries to ensure a sustainable future.

Douglas Marcham
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From: [Brenda Platt](#)

To: [Rossano Ercolini](#)

Cc: [Paul Connett](#)

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 4:32 PM

Subject: Zero Waste Capanorri

Dear Rossano,

It was a pleasure to meet you at the International Zero Waste Dialogue conference in Naples this past February. I am very impressed with your work and the developments in Capanorri to become the first town in Italy to declare a zero waste program. This is very important not only for Italy but also for the rest of the

world. The more communities adopt zero waste as a planning strategy and goal, the more other jurisdictions around the world will follow suit.

Mayor Giorgio Delghinargo has played an important leadership role in Capannori's zero waste program. His work is an inspiration to other communities embracing zero waste planning and is critical to maintaining the momentum in Capannori to achieve its goals. I hope he will be given the opportunity to continue leading his community. If so, Capannori will be put on the map as a national model for the rest of Italy and indeed the world to emulate.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 3:32 PM

Subject: FW: Giorgio Del Ghinargo

>I heartily agree with what Ralph says.

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> Good luck with the election .

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> Best wishes,

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> Sharifin Gardiner

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> Former Committee member of DOVE, Defenders of Ouse Valley and Estuary

> (E.

> Sussex)

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Ralph Ryder [mailto:ralph.ryder@googlemail.com]

> Sent: 13 May 2009 20:31

> To: ambientefuturo@interfree.it

> Subject: Giorgio Del Ghinargo

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Cc: ralph.ryder@googlemail.com ; jm.simon@no-burn.org

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 1:28 PM

Subject: The World needs Zero Waste

Dear Paul and Rossano,

Thank you for your support of the Zero Waste program in Italy

The town of Capanorri and it's Mayor Giorgio Del Ghinargo have been inspirational to those working for a Zero Waste program around the World and see Capanorri in Italy as one of the leading lights of the Zero Waste movement.

I live just a few miles from Hadrian's "Great" Wall in the beautiful county of Northumberland in Northern England, UK and people come in their thousands from around the World just to see Hadrian's Wall, Roman battlements and houses and are amazed at the evident vision, determination and talent that the Roman leaders and people had.

Italy has led Europe from Roman times and has influenced the World throughout history with it's inventions,

brilliant design and breath taking art and this could never have been achieved without Italy's brave people of vision and perception.

The World's most urgent need now is for us all to reduce the problems of climate change, pollution and wasted resources and we believe that the Zero Waste policies pioneered by the people of Capannori and it's Mayor Giorgio Del Ghinargo demonstrate that they are brave people with perception and vision and are leading the way forward for the rest of the World.

Yours truly,

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From: [Richard Anthony](#)

To: ambienteFuturo@interfree.it ; paul@fluoridealert.org

Sent: Friday, May 15, 2009 1:45 AM

Subject: Retain Giorgio.

Dear Voters of Capannori:

As a guest of your town I attended a zero waste meeting in Capannori . I got to see your Mayor, Giorgio del Ghingaro in action. His is an example of the kind of leadership that is needed to get the community through the current economic downturn and deal with the climate crisis. In providing a self reliant approach to the sustainability issues facing all towns, Capannori is admired by all who have witnessed the changes to the good. It is important that good leaders are retained and encouraged. Retain Giorgio.

Richard Anthony

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