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HUMANITARIAN: COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPH IN PIAZZA VITTORIO

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People living and working in the Esquilino neighbourhood are invited to take part in a group photograph on 23 December to present a positive image of the community in the run-up to Christmas.

The meeting is at 15.00 in the gardens in Piazza Vittorio and the photograph is open to residents, shopkeepers, representatives of the local business community, members of local clubs and associations and anyone else who spends time regularly in the area.

The initiative is being coordinated by EsquiliNotizie, a newsletter containing local community news and information run by Roberto Cioce, Emma Amiconi and Roberto Crea. Their idea is to reinforce the integrated nature of the neighbourhood – one of the most multicultural in Rome, with large numbers of immigrants particularly from China and the Indian sub-continent – as a counterpoint to recent episodes of xenophobic violence and discrimination in the city. The photograph will testify that the Esquilino is “a meeting point for many different people, but who have many things in common, many more than the things that divide them” and is the community’s way of wishing Rome and the world at large a happy Christmas and New Year 2010.

This is the first initiative of its kind in Rome and the organisers hope the idea will be taken up by communities in other parts of the city.

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