

## **BEST UP e IL DESIGN SOCIALE**

Since 2006, **Best Up, the Circuit for sustainable living**, has been a bridge between ethics and aesthetics, craftsmanship and design, work and environment, private wealth and the public good, specialist knowledge and information sharing, North and South. In this context it has acted to promote both meetings and partnerships between two self-production co-operatives, one from Sicily and one from Piedmont, both active in the textile working and production field.

During the “**Fa la cosa giusta Sicilia 2012**” exhibition of critical consumers at its 1st edition in Palermo, Best Up, through displays, exhibitions, meetings and workshops, was able to give the green light to the **partnership** between these two organizations, based on exchanges and integration of knowledge, techniques and material.

**Filodritto and ArsalitArtes are united** by their common desire to improve and increase the value of their respective communities (the province of Enna, in Sicily, and the province of Biella, in Piemonte) through the maintaining and re-launching of resources, knowledge and traditions by using design in respect of the environment and social justice. The tools: training, work, a sustainable economy through the recreation of a virtuous and transparent supply and production system. Both organizations are engaged in projects aimed at social inclusion and are dedicated to the salvaging of the great quantities of wool currently destroyed through burning, and the resulting production of dioxin.

**Filodritto** is a Sicilian social cooperative active in the field of textile and fabric production with one workshop in the prison at Enna and another in the city centre. “Filodritto is a window on the world for those who see that world through a grating, those who have no voice, those who dream of freedom”. [www.filodritto.com](http://www.filodritto.com)

**ArsalitArtes** is an arts and crafts co-operative, founded in 2009 in Camandona, an area with a rich textile tradition, today suffering as a result of the economic crisis. The headquarters is a former nursery that is now a hostel (Cloelia natural living hostel) organized and run by the co-operative providing training activities and hospitality, and furnished with an interior décor using textile products made by themselves. [www.arsalitartes.com](http://www.arsalitartes.com)