

LUCA POMA
Complete curriculum vitae

Luca Poma was born in Turin on 16/02/1972. After his higher education studies, he continued his education, specialising in communications techniques and institutional and public relations.

Since 1994, at the suggestion of the Councillor for Culture, he has worked for Piedmont Region in the youth policies sector.

Since 1997 he has been a member - appointed by the President of the Regional Council - of the President's Office of the Regional Youth Council (Permanent Advisory Board to the Regional Council), instituted by Piedmont Region (law 16/95). Within the scope of his mandate, he also focuses on relations with local authorities in order to encourage the creation of youth advisory bodies within the area. In this role he contributed to the organisation of the Piedmont Youth Convention on the European Constitution, in collaboration with the Ministry for Community Policies, held in Cuneo on 12 April 2003.

From 1998 to 2005 he was responsible for relations between the Regional Council and Central Government on the subject of youth policies, and until May 2001 he was a member of the Permanent Commission on youth policies in the department of Social Affairs of the Presidency of the Council Ministers instituted by Minister Livia Turco. In this role he took part in the government delegations that contributed to the drafting of the "European Union White Book on Youth" (Spoleto, Paris, Ghent, Brussels), and in numerous conventions and seminars in youth policies in Italy and abroad.

From 1998 to 2002 he collaborated in the work of the Parliamentary Observatory in Rome, taking part in the Commission on work and employment (1998), Youth entrepreneurial activities and credit (1999), Youth culture and policies (2000) and the Convention on the European Constitution (2002 and 2003). From 1997 to the present he has been the founder and Vice President of the National Association GiovanialCentro (www.giovanialcentro.org), whose statutory goal is to train the young generations and encourage their involvement in the government's decision-making processes (proactive citizenship). In this role he coordinates the "ContaminAzione" project (Youth & Voluntary Activities) on behalf of the Turin Province Voluntary Service Centre, and the "Tartaruga" project, mapping out architectonic barriers and the degree of accessibility for citizens with reduced mobility. He promoted the start of Sportello Arianna (www.sportelloarianna.it), the only regional counter freely available to young people to carry out any type of bureaucratic procedure or financing request.

Since 2002 he has been Secretary General of the Federation of Hospital and Health Service Voluntary Service Associations, based at the San Giovanni Battista "Molinette" Hospital in Turin, which comprises 26 associations with a total of over 100,000 enrolled volunteers. In this role he organised the National Convention of Cloning, held in Turin at the Molinette Hospital in April 2003. In this capacity he is also a member of the "Network for the development of Social Communication", whose members include major public and private institutions (ANSA, FIAT, KPMG, RAI, WWF, Unione Industriali, etc), and - from 2003 to 2005 - of the Regional Technical-scientific Commission for the programme on organ donation and transplants.

In 2002 he took part in the organisation of CIG, the Italian Youth Convention - in collaboration with the Cabinet Office of the Ministry of Community Policies - and he was selected to take part in the "Youth United for Europe" session organised in January 2003 in Rome by the Justitia et Pax Pontifical Council and the Pontifical University of Bioethics, with the patronage of the Guillè Foundation (Switzerland).

He is a member of the Permanent Church/City Forum which involves the leading regional institutions (University, Ministry of Education, Prefecture, Dioceses, EE.LL.) and their commitment to youth policies.

He took part as a delegate representing Piedmont Region in the 6th and 7th six-monthly sessions of CNEL (National Council for Economy and Employment) in Rome, at the invitation of the Ministry for Community Policies.

He has collaborated with several NGOs involved in different programmes for the prevention of

abuse in the psychiatric sector and to defend the rights of the mentally ill and other vulnerable categories, such as children and the elderly.

In 2003 he was a member of the Interministerial “Scuola & Volontariato” Committee, set up in Rome by the General Management of the Ministry for Education, University and Research (MIUR). In this role he took part in the 1st national research project into Education and Voluntary Work promoted by MIUR and presented at the Turin Book Fair in May 2003, in the presence of the Minister for Education, contributing to the organisation of the event in collaboration with the Interregional Voluntary Service Forum.

As a delegate of GiovanialCentro, in July 2003 he negotiated the admission of the latter – as a founder association – to the Rome National Youth Forum (FNG), a body accredited by the Brussels European Youth Forum. He is a delegate at the FNG Meeting in Rome for the period 2003/07.

He collaborated with several NGOs within projects focused on abuses within the psychiatric field prevention and in defence of mental disturbed people and other weak groups such as children and aged people.

He has developed specific expertise in juridical and legislative reform in the youth policies sector and the theme of enforcing the rights of the most vulnerable groups. He coordinated the working group for drawing up the national draft law on the participation of the younger generations - discussed in the Chamber and Senate (Bill no. 584 of 02/08/2001). By delegation from the President of the Commission on Culture for Piedmont Region, he is a member of the working group that launched the revision of regional law 16/95 on youth policies. During the first half of 2003, he was on the legislative staff that reviewed the regulations underlying the national criteria for psychiatric assistance (Law 180), on a mandate from the temporary President of the Social Affairs Commission of the Chamber of Deputies. In June 2003 he received an exclusive mandate from Apulia Region to elaborate and draft the regional bill on youth policies, entitled “Promotion and coordination of initiatives in favour of youth and development of a proactive European citizenship”.

In April 2006 he received an exclusive mandate from the President of the Emilia Romagna Region Health Committee to elaborate and draft the regional bill on childhood policies, entitled “Regulation for a better safeguard of the minor's health right”.

From the first quarter of 2003 until the second quarter of 2005 he was one of the referents of the Regional Committee for coordinating all institutional communication campaigns addressed to the young (against drug addiction and new forms of addiction, on enhancing the Piedmont system, on TV information for the young, etc)

He is one of the promoters – acting as the National Spokesman – of the social campaign “Don't touch the children”®, against abuses in the administration of psychotropic drugs to children and adolescents (see the website www.giulemanidaibambini.org), and in this capacity he has taken part in conventions and seminars, giving numerous interviews to the national press, radio and TV. The Campaign – promoted by 147 non-profit bodies representing the interests of over 8 million Italians - is the most visible Pharmacovigilance initiative ever carried out in Italy on this issue, and the website – which he is responsible for editing – is the world's most visited portal for the scientific diffusion of this particular topic in Italy.

From January 2004 to April 2005 he worked as a collaborator with the President of the Cultural Commission for Piedmont Region, responsible for relations with youth groups and associations.

From June 2004 to April 2005 he was a member of the 4th Working group of the Observatory for European Citizenship at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, nominated by the Head of Cabinet of the Ministry for Community Policies.

Since October 2004, as Deputy President of the Regional Youth Council (Piedmont Regional Council) and then as representative of the National Youth Forum, he has been a full member of the Interinstitutional Committee on Youth Policies, which coordinates the programming of interventions involving the younger generations for all public bodies in the region of Piedmont.

Since November 2004 he has been a member of the technical working group set up in Turin by the Ministry For Education, University and Research entitled “School and Contemporary Art” (responsible for proposing, implementing and monitoring school projects in collaboration with cultural foundations and

institutions), and also a member of the Youth Forum for the National Consultation on Road Safety at CNEL – National Council for the Economy and Employment (Minister of Infrastructure and Transport).

In November 2004 he contributed to the organisation of “Fall Agorà 2004”, an international meeting of university students held in Turin from 4-8 November, promoted by the Association des Etats Generaux des Etudiants de l’Europe.

Since December 2004 he has been a member of the jury for the Regional Academy of Performing Arts, and since June 2005 he has been a member of the jury for “Pulsazioni – Rassegna Band Emergenti” at the Chicobum Festival (first Italian youth music festival).

Since January 2005 he has been President of the Legislative Committee of the National Youth Forum (Rome), authorised to elaborate the national law on youth policies and to liaise with Italian regions on the theme of legislative reform for the younger generations.

Since March 2005 he has been a member of the Ethical Scientific Committee for the Province of Rome, set up to examine abuse in the prescription of psychotropic drugs to children.

From May 2005 to March 2006 he has worked directly as a collaborator with the Head of Cabinet of the Ministry for Cultural Heritage.

On 28 May 2005, as spokesperson of the “Don’t touch the children”® Committee - he organised the national round table “Children and Psychotropic Drugs: a new health emergency” at the San Giovanni Battista Molinette Hospital in Turin – sponsored by major institutions, during which the Consensus Document “ADHD and abuse in the prescription of psychotropic drugs to minors” compiled in collaboration with 320 leading Italian specialists in this field, was presented.

He took part in the “Young World” international meeting organised in Turin on 22-23-24 September 2005, with the involvement of over 500 young people from all the European Union member states.

Since 2006 he is member of the National Technical Table on youth policies held by the ANCI (Associazione Nazionale Comuni d'Italia – Italians Municipalities National Association) in collaboration with Rete Iter and Youngster National Forum.

Since October 2006 is member of the European Union/Civil Society Provincial Coordination Table.

He is delegate at the 2th Youth National Forum congress.

Since november 2006 he collaborates with the General Director of the Ministry for Cultural Heritage (Regional Department of Piedmont).

Since April 2007 he is executive member of the Ministry for Education Bullism Observatory.

He coordinates the TV programme “SaleinZucca”, broadcast by Piedmont Region. He writes every week for the publication “Il Konservatore” (Reg. Court no. 05725) and regularly publishes articles in the sector press (youth policies, voluntary services, human rights and mental health).

He is a registered journalist (number 115319).

He teaches at the course for press office operators at IRI Management on the theme “Social Communication”. He has been a speaker at numerous study conventions and seminars, including “From the European Convention to the semester of the Italian Presidency” (Gargonza, 14/07/03), “Voluntary work in schools” (Rome, 18/11/03), “Meeting of local autonomous bodies on youth policies” (Asti, 28/11/03), “European citizenship and human rights” (Turin, 10/12/03), “Free time and voluntary work” (Rivoli, 13/12/03), “Future generations” (Biella, 18-19/03/04), “From Asti to Brussels and back” (Asti, 07/05/04 and 07/06/04), “Italy-France Transfrontier Student Parliament” (Turin, 19/05/04), “The Territories of Youth Policies” (Turin, 11/11/04), “Girolamo Apuleo Political Training Course (Monopoli, 12/10/04), “Testimonials of solidarity” (Rome, 18/11/04), “Mental health: beyond psychiatry” (Frosinone, 05/12/04), “Europe, Southern Italy and the protagonism of the younger generations” (Monopoli, 04/03/05), “Youth policies: future prospects” (Turin, 30/04/05), “Children and psychotropic drugs: new health emergency” (Turin, 28/05/05), “The discomfort of children” (Rome, 13/06/05), “Psychotropic drugs and Children” (Forlimpopoli, 01/10/05). “The new rights of boys and girls” (26-27/11/05), “Regional Youth Forum”

(Turin, 10/03/06), “Europe Workshop – Youth forum on the future of the European Union (Avigliana, 24-25/03/06), “National Youth Campus” (Caltagirone, 26- 29/04/06), XVI National Congress of the Italian Sport Psychology Association (Florence, 05-07/05/06) “Ritalin: psychotropic drugs and children” (Florence, 21/05/06), “Youth Paper” (Desenzano del Garda, 06/05/06), “Urgent generational change in Apulia” (Monopoli, 15/05/06)“, The non-existent law: youth policy regulatory framework” (Urbino, 23-25/05/06) “Hyperactive children” (Bolzano, 03/10/06), “Let's save Giamburascas” (Roma, 16/11/06), “Youth Campus” (Avellino, 05-06-07/12/06), “How hard to grow up!” (Campolongo Maggiore, 02/02/07), “Psychotropic drugs & children” (Padova, 03/02/07), “Youth Policies Today ” (Biella, 17/02/07), “Don't touch the children!” (Firenze, 05/05/07), “Marino says Don't Touch the Children” (Marino e Campino, 24/06/07), “Hyperactivity, Depression and other modern diseases” (Viareggio, 25/06/07), “Children differently lively” (Roma, 28/06/07).

He is the author of books such as “Children and Psychotropic Drugs: a new health emergency”, now at its 3th edition (“Giù le Mani dai Bambini”®, 2004) and “Don't touch the children – Hyperactivity, depression and new diseases. Minors' Health and drugs marketing” (Magi Edizioni Scientifiche, 2006).