

# UNITED THROUGH SPORTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



## PINETO UNITED FOOTBALL TEAM ROME, ITALY



### SEGREGATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Young asylum seekers and refugees often **face rejection**, creating segregation from the host society. Pineto United is a grass-roots football team that seeks to facilitate integration **between young asylum seekers and Italians through sport.**



### TEAM AND COMMUNITY

The team Pineto United is made up of asylum seekers, refugees and local young people living in **a deprived neighbourhood.** With their diverse support group, they organise community events with the local school, and contributed to the neighbourhood by **cleaning up** and **renovating the park** where they practice.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD REVITALISATION

The team has given fresh new life to the neighbourhood and the public park where players train, helping to create a **new sense of community among its inhabitants.** In a challenging social and political environment increasingly hostile to migrants and refugees Pineto United is becoming an **anti-racism bulwark.**



**A** Connecting activities & community events

**E** Joint local engagement for the common good

**S** Community spaces where diverse people meet