

Laura Livi

B.A. at the Accademia Ligustica di Belle Arti (Ligustic Academy of Arts) with a specialization in illustration and decoration, Laura is one of the founding member of Blue Monkey Studio, an associated firm created in 2010, dedicated to art, illustration, graphic design, new media and publishing services, currently acting as Artistic Coordinator and HR Manager.

Between 2004 and 2010 she has been working as Artistic Coordinator for Progetto Club DeA, a PBL oriented project supported by the city of Genova and Biblioteca Internazionale E. De Amicis (International Library for Children E. De Amicis) and promoted by Wizards of the Coast Italia, Hasbro Italia and Editrice Giochi/Parker. The project aimed at developing teen-agers' and young adults' transversal skills in the creative sector.

Between 2004 and 2010 she also has been the Artistic Coordinator for public events dedicated to fantasy literature, managing team of over 40 illustrators at national level: Il Signore degli Anelli e Dintorni (2003 & 2004), 100 Anni di Letteratura Fantastica (2008), along with several personal shows dedicated to her own artistic creation. All events had interactive and 3D sections dedicated to sight-disabled people.

She also created and managed several literary and artistic prizes: "Lo Hobbit (artistic Prize for Teens dedicated to fantasy literature – 2002-2004), "Gioca la Tua Carta" (dedicated to Magic: The Gathering, in cooperation with Wizards of the Coast Italia - 2004-2005).

Laura is also an expert of Classical and Modern Children and Fantasy Literature, having been working as an illustrator for Alice in Wonderland, The Silmarillion of J.R.R. Tolkien, John Carter of Mars, The Never-Ending Story by M. Ende.

Active at International level, she also acted as advisor in educational projects financed by the European Commission under the Life-Long Learning Programme (2007-2013) with a special interest in the skills of young children affected by dyslexia and in intercultural processes among teen-agers.

As of today, she has developed contacts with a large network of over 120 entities, operating in the 28 Member States of the European Union, especially focusing on education.

She has carried out the role of process evaluator for no-profit entities at national level as well as promoter of training activities related to intercultural processes and equal opportunity.

She also is a pro-active promoter of equal opportunities in the labor market for women operating in the creative sector.

Publications

"Quest for the Pirate's Treasure" (with Gerry Gaston), CreateSpace (an Amazon company) Kindle, 2013

"Quest for the Wizard's Tower" (with Gerry Gaston), CreateSpace (an Amazon company) Kindle 2013

"Quest for the Dragon's Treasure" (with Gerry Gaston), CreateSpace (an Amazon company) Kindle 2013

"Quest for the Lost Treasure" (with Gerry Gaston), CreateSpace (an Amazon company) Kindle 2012

"Orientarsi a scuola" (Finding your way at school), Vol. 1 - "Centra la scelta!" (Make the right choice!). Ed. Franco Angeli Editore, Milan, 2005

"LG Argomenti", Magazine of the Center of Juvenile Literature, various articles on juvenile literature and covers – 2004 - 2011