

THREE CONVERSATIONS ON REPAIRABILITY AT THE EXHIBITION OF THE XXIII COMPASSO D'ORO

presented by **ADI** and moderated by **Frida Doveil**

9, 15, 23 May 2014, from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Spazio A ex Ansaldo, Via Bergognone 34, Milano

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1. TOWARDS ETHICAL AND REPAIRABLE ELECTRONICS

Governments are taking steps to combat the growing quantities of e-waste and, at the same time, a sense of resistance to the rapid obsolescence of objects is growing in the world of work and in society, to what extent are companies influenced by those who, from below, have revived the culture of repair?

speakers

Ugo Vallauri, co-founder of **The Restart Project**

(the London-based social enterprise that has recently launched learning activities for companies on the theme of the repair of useful objects in the world of work)

Miquel Ballester, head of Product Strategy at **Fairphone**

(the Dutch social enterprise that has produced the first ethical smartphone in the world based on an open-source process and offering a catalogue of spare parts and an app showing how to make repairs).



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DESIGN FOR REPAIR

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The new relationship between users and everyday objects in three encounters with the international protagonists of repairable design.

The exhibition of the products in the running for the **XXIII Compasso d'Oro ADI** (the winners will be announced on 28 May) is on view in Milan until the end of May 2014. The show is the first initiative of the Design è program for the promotion of design culture for a wider audience, with the support of the Lombardy Region, the City of Milan, FederlegnoArredo and ADI, and slated to develop with many events during 2015.

In the context of this program, during the opening period at the site of the exhibition ADI has organized **three encounters on the theme of repairability**: a varied dialogue with the protagonists of future policies, from product design to social initiatives, that will have to come to terms in the immediate future with the problems related to an improved relationship between users and everyday objects.

The encounters feature the participation of design entrepreneurs, international protagonists of the new repair business, and institutions. Short conversations presented by ADI and moderated by **Frida Doveil**, coordinator of the cycle of encounters and creator of the R-Riparabile research project, will outline a 360-degree mapping of what is happening around the world to make products easier to maintain and repair.

The program includes a number of foreign guests, from the California-based **iFixit**, the leading company in the repair business; **The Restart Project**, a London-based social initiative and one of the best known in Europe, now also active in the field of one-to-one learning aimed at companies; the Dutch **Fairphone**, a social enterprise that has created the first responsible smartphone, which now features an app with repair instructions; and **Patagonia**, an international leader in outdoor clothing, with a customer service division that focuses on promoting repairs.



Frida Doveil, curator of R-RIPARABILE