

The Project started with the dream of a young couple, called Mr. Luis Arroyo and Mrs. Amparo Martínez, who opened a School Center in 1966 in order to give a response to people with intellectual disability and their social needs. This resource was oriented to the first ages of this collective.

From this point forward, these children grew up and their needs were changing. For this, the organization decided to adapt the intervention and their resources to give an answer for adult life of people with disability. In 1986 born the Juan XXIII Roncalli Foundation, in Madrid (Spain).

The main aim of the Foundation, which is a non-profit organization, is to foster the **job placement of people with disability**, especially people with intellectual disability and/or mental disorder. In addition, the organization work with others types of disabilities and intervene with people who are in risk of social exclusion.

After 50 years, the Juan XXIII Roncalli Foundation has achieved diverse resources: Day Centre, Occupational Centre, Employment Training Centre and the Employment Centre for Special Needs.

Nowadays, the **Day Centre** has 54 users and it is a reference for other regional organizations. We use innovative techniques, improving the social skills and the personal development of our users. For example, the Snoezelen Sensory Room is a multisensory experience which offers to our users high benefits, providing stimulating opportunities and awareness of their environment.



The **Occupational Centre** has the goal of labour integration. People with disability carry out basic jobs, like manual activities. At the present, the Occupational Centre has 185 users, where we have 8 workshops to train their skills to adapt to a job environment. Moreover, the centre has specific activities which improve their autonomy, such as the “Independent life Programme”: a real flat where the participants can practice daily life duties, carry out different tasks in the community, manage the public transport, etc.

The **Employment Training Centre** started its activity in 2009, in order to provide a professional education (VET), oriented to increase the job placement of people with intellectual disability. In all these years, more than 400 students have studied in our courses. In this promotion, 2015-2016, we have 85 students divided in eight trainings. Two of these courses have professional certificate.



The **Employment Centre for Special Needs “Roncalli”** started in 1986 and employ 344 workers, 266 of them have some disability (+77% of employees). The Centre has eight business segments: Marketing Service, Document Management, Logistics Services, Catering Services, Ecologist Products and CSR Service, Promotional Gifts, HR Services and Office Supplies.

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