



SWITZERLAND

## *The Invisibles*

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GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL ACTION CARREFOUR-RUE: PEOPLE QUEUEING FOR THEIR LUNCH DURING A PARTY FOR PEOPLE IN POVERTY AND HOMELESS

IN SWITZERLAND, ACCORDING TO CARITAS, MORE THAN A PERSON OUT OF TEN LIVE UNDER THE POVERTY THRESHOLD. HALF OF THESE PEOPLE LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY. IT'S QUITE UNCOMMON TO HAVE 'SWITZERLAND' AND 'POVERTY' IN THE SAME SENTENCE, BUT POVERTY IN THIS RICH COUNTRY EXISTS, IT'S A FACT. IN GREAT CITIES LIKE ZÜRICH, GENEVA, BERN, BASEL AND IN OTHER TOWNS THERE ARE MANY ORGANIZATIONS HELPING HOMELESS PEOPLE, COLLECTING FOOD AND GARMENTS FOR THE POOREST, GIVING ASSISTANCE TO UNMARRIED MOTHERS, UNEMPLOYED AND RETIRED PERSONS. OTHER CHARITABLE ENTITIES SUPPORT THE 'WORKING POORS', THOSE WHO CAN'T MAKE A DECENT LIVING OUT OF THEIR FULL TIME JOBS – SOMETHING RELATIVELY NEW FOR SWITZERLAND, A VERY WEALTHY BUT ALSO A VERY EXPENSIVE COUNTRY. THE SWISS GOVERNMENT OFFERS AN EFFICIENT SUBSIDIES SYSTEM FROM YEARS, BUT IT'S ONLY FROM 2012 THAT POVERTY HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY IDENTIFIED AS A PROBLEM AND, DESPITE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS, IT KEEPS ON GROWING. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE IN SWITZERLAND POVERTY IS A NO-NO TOPIC. IT'S SOMETHING TO HIDE, TO YOURSELF AND TO THE WHOLE SOCIETY.

ZÜRICH (SWITZERLAND),  
VIEW OF THE CITY AT DAWN





ZÜRICH (SWITZERLAND), SABINA USAI, 41 YO, GUEST FOR THE NIGHT IN THE PFUUSBUS, A COACH WITH TENT WHERE HOMELESS PEOPLE CAN SAFELY SLEEP. SABINA WAS BORN IN MILAN, ITALY, BUT ALWAYS LIVED IN SWITZERLAND, AT YVERDON-LES-BAINS. SHE'S HIV POSITIVE, AND RECEIVE AN INVALIDITY PENSION SINCE SHE WAS 9 BECAUSE OF A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT



GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), WORKERS OF A PUBLIC COMPANY LEAD BY THE UNIA UNION DEMONSTRATE TO ASK BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS

WINTERTHUR (SWITZERLAND), TWO HOMELESS PERSONS CHECK THEIR E-MAIL NEAR THEIR BEDS FOR THE NIGHT IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FINGERPRINT, FOUNDED BY STEPHAN MAAG TO HELP POORS AND HOMELESS PEOPLE



ZÜRICH (SWITZERLAND), GIUSEPPE SCARDINO,  
81 YO FROM SICILY, ITALY, BUT IN  
SWITZERLAND FROM 51 YEARS, CHECK THE  
GARBAGE BINS TRYING TO FIND FRUIT AND  
VEGETABLES STILL GOOD TO EAT





GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), SOME  
CONTAINERS OF EUREKA, A VILLAGE  
FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE BUILT BY  
THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL  
ACTION CARREFOUR-RUE

ZÜRICH (SWITZERLAND), OLIVER, 55  
YO, HOMELESS, IN THE HEADQUARTERS  
OF SURPRISE, A MAGAZINE WRITTEN AND  
SOLD BY HOMELESS PEOPLE. OLIVER IS  
A SURPRISE CONTRIBUTOR SINCE 1999.  
HE'S SIGNING THE COPIES OF THE  
MAGAZINE HE WILL SELL ON THE ROAD



ZÜRICH (SWITZERLAND), A  
MAN AT WORK ALONG THE  
RAILWAY IN THE NORTHWEST  
SUBURB OF THE TOWN



CHIASSO (SWITZERLAND), BRUNA  
BERNASCONI AND MONICA THALE (LEFT)  
OF THE TAVOLINO MAGICO ASSOCIATION  
COLLECT FOOD FOR THE POOREST AT THE  
EXIT OF THE SERFONTANA MALL



WINTERTHUR (SWITZERLAND), A HOMELESS MAN IN THE ROOM WHERE HE SLEPT IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FINGERPRINT, FOUNDED BY STEPHAN MAAG TO HELP POORS AND HOMELESS PEOPLE





VERNIER (GENEVA, SWITZERLAND), A  
MAN WALKING IN THE GREAT, POPULAR  
DISTRICT OF LE LIGNON, A MULTIRACIAL  
PLACE CONSIDERED ROUGH BY MANY



GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), POOR AND HOMELESS PERSONS HAVING LUNCH IN THE GARDEN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL ACTION CARREFOUR-RUE

GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), A MAN FEEDING SEAGULLS NEAR THE "BATEAU GENÈVE", A BOAT WHERE EVERY MORNING A BREAKFAST IS SERVED TO POOR AND HOMELESS PERSONS





GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), DAVID VIRY, 80 YO,  
AT THE SOUP KITCHEN JARDIN MONTBRILLANT,  
MANAGED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL  
ACTION CARREFOUR-RUE. DAVID WAS BORN IN  
ISRAEL, BUT LIVED IN SWITZERLAND FROM OVER  
50 YEARS. HE WORKED AT THE UN, AND WITH  
HIS PENSION HE CAN NOW BARELY SURVIVE



GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), THE SO-CALLED 'CLUB MED', A SUMMER VILLAGE FOR POOR AND HOMELESS PERSONS MANAGED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL ACTION CARREFOUR-RUE

GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), QUEUEING AT THE "BATEAU GENÈVE", A BOAT WHERE EVERY MORNING A BREAKFAST IS SERVED TO POOR AND HOMELESS PERSONS



GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), A  
HOMELESS MAN SLEEPING OUT OF  
THE GENEVA RAILWAY STATION





GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), NATANIEL BURNER,  
44 YO, NEAR SOME CONTAINERS OF NOE, A  
VILLAGE FOR HOMELESS PERSONS BUILT BY THE  
ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL ACTION CARREFOUR-RUE.  
NATANIEL LIVED HOMELESS FOR FIVE YEARS, NOW  
LIVES IN NOE, DOES ODD JOBS TO SURVIVE AND  
IN 2016 WILL BE FATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME

GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), A MAN  
CHOOSING SOME FREE GARMENTS  
AT THE VESTIAIRE SOCIAL  
MANAGED BY CARITAS AND CENTRE  
SOCIAL PROTESTANT (CSP)



Le Vestiaire est ouvert à toutes personnes vivant à Genève sans distinction de confession, de race, ou de nationalité.  
sur présentation d'un bon d'un service social

LUGANO (SWITZERLAND), A MAN WALKING IN  
THE POPULAR DISTRICT OF PREGASSONA.  
ON THE BACKGROUND, A COUNCIL HOUSE





GENEVA (SWITZERLAND), MICHAEL "MISHA" BANDLER, 60 YO, BORN IN GENEVA, WATCHING THE TV AT LA COULOU, A HOUSE FOR THE HOMELESS PEOPLE MANAGED BY ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL ACTION CARREFOUR-RUE. MICHAEL IS UNEMPLOYED AND LIVES AT LA COULOU FROM TWO YEARS

AVA PRESENTS

# ART ON ICE

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A poster for 'ART ON ICE' featuring two ice skaters in a dynamic pose against a red background. The text includes the event name, presenter, and names of several skating pairs.

Two men are lying on a red park bench in a wooded area. One man is wearing a dark jacket and jeans, holding a coffee cup. The other man is wearing a dark suit and a cap, also holding a coffee cup. The scene is set on a ground covered with fallen leaves.

Pour ceux qui n'ont plus de toit.

ARMÉE DU SALUT

An advertisement for 'Armed Forces of Health' (Armée du Salut) showing two men lying on a park bench, suggesting a place of rest and care.

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