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Press release

“ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A PORT”: CREATIVE WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN ON THE HISTORY OF THE FREE PORT TO BE LAUNCHED ON SATURDAY, 23 MARCH

From 10:00 to 12:00, the “paper engineer” Annalisa Metus will take children on a faraway journey through sailboats and cargo

Trieste, 19 March 2019 – Playing with paper and discovering the port’s history. On Saturday 23 March and Saturday 6 April, between 10:00 and 12:00 the Lloyd Tower of Trieste will be transformed into one big artistic paper engineering workshop thanks to the initiative “Once upon a time there was a port”. Run by the Trieste-based “paper engineer” Annalisa Metus, the two creative mornings will provide children between the ages of 5 and 10 with the opportunity to build a cardboard copy of the Free Port through a pop-up theatre performance that will feature some of what were the port’s most characteristic elements 300 years ago: sailing ships, bundles of cargo and warehouses.

The 50-minute workshops will take place in two turns (the first at 10:00, the second at 11:00) and will be attended by 12 children each. Interested parents should reserve a space for their child at: <https://portoftrieste300.com/eventi/laboratori-per-bimbi-cera-una-voltail-porto/>

The initiative is an opportunity to teach young children and their families about the important role that the port – today as 300 years ago – continues to play for the city as a place to meet others and exchange ideas, and for cultures to come together.

“In every coastal city the port is the key place for meeting and trading with communities from distant and different places, brought closer by the agreements that facilitate economic relations. From the granting of the free-port patent to the present – says president Zeno D’Agostino – over six generations of Trieste’s citizens have benefited from this commercial and cultural dynamism. Through moments dedicated to the youngest among us, such as the workshops, we hope that new generations will also be able to get to know the unique aspects of the city they live in, which has roots deep into the past but horizons that are always open”.



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The “Once upon a time there was a port initiative” is part of the extensive bill of events organized by the Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea to celebrate the institution of the Free Port of Trieste by Emperor Charles VI in 1719. The workshop, together with the many other events of the celebrations of the 300th anniversary of the Free Port of Trieste are described in detail in the dedicated website:

<https://portoftrieste300.com>