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Title: Premio Luisa Minazzi
Owner: Legambiente, La Nuova Ecologia
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Description:

The award Luisa Minazzi – Environmentalist of the year was proposed in 2006 by Legambiente and La Nuova Ecologia to underline the strength and bravery of the people fighting for environment protection. The award has been dedicated to the environmental activist Luisa Minazzi since 2012.

Luisa Minazzi has been an activist, a teacher and a municipal administrator from Casale Monferrato, who died from a disease due to asbestos' exposure.

She had always fought against Eternit, the firm which works with products in asbestos. The firm established in Casale Monferrato in 1907 and covered an area of 94,000 mq. In the '70s It started to become dubious that the activity of the firm Eternit was causing a whole series of diseases. The firm was closed in 1986.

Since 2017 the award Luisa Minazzi – Environmentalist of the year is included in the virtù civica Festival. In this occasion some cases of civic virtue are presented to favour a network between people who work for a better world. It represents an opportunity for interaction, wanting to emphasize the huge effort of those living on the territory and defending it.