

## BIOGRAPHY

Yvan SAGNET was born on April 4, 1985 in Douala, Cameroon. He arrived in Italy in 2007 as a student of the Polytechnic University of Turin. In 2013 he graduated in Telecommunications Engineering.

In the summer of 2011 he was the spokesman during the first strike of exploited season workers in Italy that took place at the Boncuri farm, in Nardò (Apulia) against the gangermasters and the agricultural entrepreneurs. That one-month strike led to the introduction in the Italian law of the crime of "Caporalato" and to the first trial in Europe on slavery, at the end of which a sentence of 11 years of imprisonment was issued for each of the 12 accused gangermasters and entrepreneurs.

For several years Sagnet was a trade unionist for the FLAI-CGIL, the largest Italian trade union and he is one of the founders as well as the President of the international "anti-caporalato" association NO-CAP.

He wrote two books, published by Fandango: the first one, titled "Love your dream", describes his experience as a tomato collector and tells about the first strike in Italy of migrant workers. The second one, "Ghetto Italia", written along with the sociologist Leonardo Palmisano, tells the harsh reality of the ghettos in which migrant workers are forced to live and highlights the responsibilities of small and large organized distribution in the system of exploitation in the countryside.

In 2016 he received the international anti-mafia award "Livatino-Saitta-Costa".

On February 2017 Yvan Sagnet was awarded the honor of Knight of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic by the President of the Republic Sergio Mattarella.