“Education is a social process, education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life, education is life itself.”

John Dewey
The **Cidade Escola Aprendiz (Learning School City)** Association is a civil social organization for public interest (OSCIP) established in São Paulo, Brazil, in 1997. Aiming to ensure conditions for communities and individuals integral development, it has been promoting projects focused on culture, communication, education and community and intersectorial articulation in a co-participative system called **Bairro-escola** (Learning Neighborhood).
**Cidade Escola Aprendiz** believes that the school should be conceived to function as a flexible network, integrated to the neighborhood and to the city itself. In this way, the organization mobilizes hundreds of public and private institutions in “Learning Neighborhoods”.

Its **social technologies** have guided educational public policies in many cities in Brazil and have been recognized and awarded by national and international organizations, including UNESCO, UNICEF, Harvard University and the Bank of Brazil Foundation.
Our Education Concept: THE HOLISTIC EDUCATION
An educational project should cover all the aspects of development - intellectual, emotional, physical, social and symbolic - and also incorporates different times, places and agents in an integrated plan, articulating public policies, social facilities and the environment.
Education is a **permanent process.** It begins at birth and **involves the interaction with several social agents** throughout a lifetime.

The school takes the role to integrates values, knowledge, experiences and resources available. The teacher is an agent that facilitates, supports and stimulates the process.
WHAT WE DO
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CONTENT
Educational experiences research and pedagogical materials/tools development

DISSEMINATION
Communication platforms with news and methodologies on holistic education and learning cities

CONSULTING
Advisory services for public and private organizations at holistic education project development

TRAINING
Courses and workshops to teachers, school managers and community leaders

PROJECT MANAGEMENT
Concept, team building, pedagogical coordination and intersectorial articulation
The main social technology “Bairro-escola” (Learning Neighborhood) underlies all the organization's projects.

Bairro-escola acts on education development through families, schools, communities, social organizations, companies and governments integration, aiming to create and articulate multiple educational opportunities, establish trusting relationships and promote mutual support.
2014 PROGRAMMES

REFERENCE CENTER ON HOLISTIC EDUCATION
Research and dissemination of holistic education experiences and methodologies, trainings and consulting to public policies.

ALUNO PRESENTE EDUCATE A CHILD
New methodologies to work with out of school children and prevent school dropout in the Rio de Janeiro municipal public system.

SÃO PAULO CIDADE EDUCADORA
Network development and strengthening dedicated to Education, Culture and Human Rights, contributing in the construction of an educating city.
The Right to Learn - Holistic and Community Education (in Portuguese) (Based on the book: “Learning Neighborhood Step by Step”)

Part 1
Part 2

Neighborhood Networks on Euronews | Wise Channel (in English) Learning World Episode 9: Learning for the future in Brazil at 4’26”
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