



HOW TO FIND US



By public transport:

Take the Metro 1 Line to Jabaquara, then find the trolébus platform signed Diadema or Piraporinha. Upon arrival at Diadema bus terminal, walk to platform D and take either the 31D (Vila Paulina) or the 182 (Acampamento dos genheiros). The journey should take roughly 15min without traffic. Get off at the stop in front of the big supermarket Ricoy on Av. Nossa Senhora dos Navegantes. Rua João Antonio de Araújo is directly opposite. Walk up the hill and continue until you see ACER on your right.

Via the rodovia dos Imigrantes (the motorway/freeway):

Take the exit for Eldorado at the 20KM mark of the motorway, signposted Litoral, where there is a second toll booth. The cost is R\$3,00. Don't confuse this with the entrance to Diadema, which is the first toll booth and first exit. The exit for Eldorado is slightly past this. Follow the signs that clearly indicate Eldorado.

By car via the centre of Diadema:

Opposite the Diadema bus terminal, find Av. Alda, with signs towards Eldorado. Follow Av. Alda to the end for about 3 miles. As a reference, follow the direction of the signs labelled "Acampamento dos Engenheiros". At the end of Av. Alda take a left, then a right at the junction in front of the police station. Then take a left where you pass by the Ecological park. Across the park there is a set of traffic lights. Turn right at the junction on to Nossa Senhora dos Navegantes. Continue until you reach the Ricoy supermarket on your left. Directly opposite the supermarket is rua João Antonio de Araújo. Drive up the hill until you see ACER on your right.

Mission statement



To rescue the dignity of children and young people and promote social transformation.



WELCOME

WHO WE ARE

Founded in November 1993, ACER Brasil (Associação de Apoio à Criança em Risco/Association for Support of Children at Risk) started its work focusing on the recuperation of street boys and girls in the centre of São Paulo. In March of 2003 the institution transferred its activities to the ACER Community Centre, elected a new Board of Directors and Presidency and started to offer services to 530 children and young people in two key areas: educational/cultural activities and social support. After 18 years of activity, ACER currently offers services to more than three thousand children, young people and adults with activities to promote human and community development.

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THE WORK WE DO

ACER's work is focused on programmes and activities that encourage human and community development. These activites are grouped into five key areas.

SPORT

ACER's Football and Citizenship programme runs five days a week for young people aged 6 to 24. The aim isn't to produce world-class players; it's to socially impact the lives of the youngsters involved. Through specially constructed games the children and young adults learn vital life skills such as conflict resolution, peaceful coexistence and teamwork.

Education and Culture

This programme offers activities via the ACER community Library, through which a reading scheme is run and access is provided to 12,000 books and 170 DVDs. On top of this is the ACER Capoeira and the Roots of Brazil programme with its percussion workshops, storytelling and Brazilian and African toys and games. All these programmes are increasing the knowledge and understanding of African culture among children and young people, enabling them to relate this to their social contexts.

Community Development

ACER supports sustainable economic development through job training and research and coaching for local business people and groups. We have a local micro finance fund of R\$80.000,00 which is operated by a specialist partner.

Youth

ACER partners with local state schools to offer youth between the ages of 12 to 16 years workshops that focus on the environment and economic education. In the past year 80 young people have started developing their own projects. Those who attend workshops then give work-shops themselves.

Our Reading in Schools programme works through teenagers who are trained by us and offer reading, story telling and puppet theatre sessions to primary school children from eight local schools.

Social Work

ACER's social programme, known as NAS, offers counselling to families torn apart by poverty and violence to break this cycle. ACER works to eradicate child labour and offers individual family support and guidance. he Family Guardian programme provides support and financial assistance to the extended family of children who have been removed from their immediate families by the courts.



WINTER 2014

June and July of 2014 marked two big months for Brazil as the world turned its head to see who would triumph at the World Cup. For ACER, these two months signified a multitude of visits from journalists to England fans to His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales. Below are some links to clippings, videos and photos:



Prince Harry spent an afternoon at ACER talking to families and children involved in our projects. Click HERE to see more photos from the day.

Prince Harry visit

The Prince's speech at an event in São Paulo, where he mentions his visit to ACER

The Telegraph's coverage of the visit

People magazine's coverage of the event

England fans visit

Good Morning Britain video featuring the visit of 50 England fans

The Shirts4São Paulo blog charting the campaign and the visit

World Cup journalism

Channel 4 on the World Cup and social problems Brazil faces

A Daily Telegraph report on pre-World Cup sentiments in Eldorado

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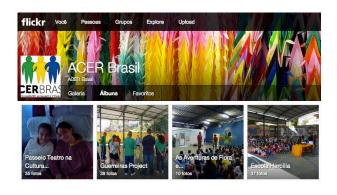
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YOUR VISIT

While we're happy for you to visit any of ACER's projects and activities, it would be best for everyone involved if you can let us know what you want see before your arrival. That way we can arrange the practical matters of your visit and ensure the day is tailored to your needs. It is worth bearing in mind that no sport takes places on Sundays and Mondays. For more information regarding hours of operation please see our website, and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. Also, we ask that all journalists read our Child Protection Policy HERE and that upon their arrival at ACER fill out appendix 7 requiring authorisation for image usage.

