

# CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION TOGETHER

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Photo: Celio Ribeiro

## Thank you Rufford

by Wander Godinho

I would like to thank Rufford Foundation for this incredible opportunity you have given me to conduct this project in Brazil and supporting all activities we initiated in 2015. The community has embraced Rufford and has used the resource to make long lasting changes in the education of the village. The students participating in the project are now the community agents that guide the population to create new habits of conservation. Along with the positive results achieved so far, new connections with government bodies and education institutes have been made. There is no doubt that all activities running in this project will soon be replicated in other communities nearby. In a recent interview with the school director Celio Ribeiro he estates: **"We are experiencing a progress in the education of our students that we have never seen before. They are happy to come to school to participate on the outdoor projects, which has positively impacted their grades along the year"**.

According to Mr Ribeiro, those outdoor programs are important to reduce school invasion, improve social skills among students, and facilitate the communication of environmental and social issues in the village. The financial support from **Rufford Foundation** and **EnviroMentor** are shaping the education system in Canaan village and serving as a model to other schools and communities. The international input of these foundations are opening doors to other institutions to give support to the project.

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# LEARN AND DISCOVER



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## *Project-based learning achieved*

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# COMMUNICATION AND CREATIVITY



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## *Movie festival is a success in Canaan*

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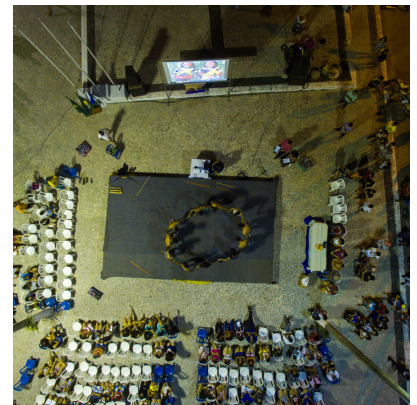


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