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All you need know about February 2023

#### Reinforcement from London for activities in the first half of 2023

ACER Brasil started its activities in 2023 with new challenges, goals and some innovations, including the arrival of a volunteer to join our team. We're talking about Harry Hannay.

Harry hails from London, UK, is 19 years old and has recently graduated from high school. Furthermore, he is the nephew of Jonathan Hannay, our founder and current Secretary General, and the grandson of David Hannay, a member of the British Parliament who was recently in Diadema for an illustrious visit, yielding a remarkable interview published in last month's newsletter. The young Londoner, like the other men in the family mentioned here, has a special interest in the Humanities, in particular Political Science. "I come from a privileged place in the UK and being in a place where vou don't have those privileges is certainly very educational for moral differences and seeing things from a different perspective," points out Harry.



With us, Harry has been participating in the male futsal classes with children and teenagers as a sports monitor and which have been conducted, until the present moment, by the coordinator Orlando Villa, who sees with great satisfaction this reinforcement coming from abroad. "The arrival of Harry to help with sports activities at ACER Brasil is extremely important as he contributes to the organization of the space, helps with activities and the class, talks to the children and also talks a little about his country and his origin with them", he declares.

some of his impressions with the Holiday Project, carried out between hope to make this period as profit-January and February and which had the participation, at times, of more than 100 children per activity. "I think it's incredibly important to create stability for kids, especially if ACER Brasil believes that exchanges they don't have that at home. ACER Brasil delivers all this and delivers a family", he says. Still, according to Harry, who speaks little Portuguese, he believes that this is not an obstacle to seeing the importance of the ACER community centre as a safe offer of leisure, socialization, food and fun for the children of Eldorado. "As someone who doesn't speak Portuguese very well, I get to see many of the same faces almost every day; it is clear to me that the children who come here come because they like it so much and that it helps them, otherwise they would not come back".

The young volunteer also points out Harry wil work as a volunteer until the end of March. Until then, we able as possible, both for the children and adolescents assisted, and for Harry himself, who still has to travel to other cities in the country. like these have a richness that can transform lives!



#### ACER Brasil receives students from Senac Diadema for final course work on human resources practices

A group of six women, students at paço Cultural Beija-Flor, a cultural building. Senac Diadema, have a course conclusion project aimed at social projects in some NGOs, called 'Analysis and improvements of the Human Resources process with a social perspective'. The group aims to add ideas for improvements to the organizations that are collaborating with the project.



Josiane, one of the women involved with the work and who was once a teenager assisted by us, explains a little about what is behind the idea. "I chose ACER Brasil to help us: first, because you are also a social organisation; second, because I was already attended by the institution during my adolescence. I trust your work", she declares.

In addition to ACER Brasil, the meetings that are being held in our group is also in partnership with Es-

center and non-profit organization also in the Eldorado neighborhood. In all, they have ten curricular units to develop, where they will work with the selection process, benefits, positions, salaries, training, development, among others. "We are going to seek to add improvements to the organization so that it can implement some of our ideas, always seeking the best for the employee. This helps us a lot to develop everything we are learning in practice and it has been an incredible journey", points out Josiane.

"It is very gratifying that we are sought out for this type of project - which is not the first time. Other students have already sought us out for various things in the administrative and management areas, this time it is more focused on the human resources area. It is always good to receive this type of project to focus on what we have been doing and which is positive and which has served as a model abroad, in addition to also improving our practices with new things", says Michael Santos. Administrative-Financial Manager who is participating in the

We at ACER Brasil believe that this exchange of information is very rich and very positive. It is of great value to be able to collaborate with other people in our region, especially when there is this intention to improve our work done in the human resources area, in the working relationship with our team members. We are looking forward to seeing this course completion project completed by the group of students to analyze the positive impacts within our work environment.

## Project that teaches English for free to young people from ACER Brasil goes into practice

A group of three Brazilian students who live in Miami, in the United States, had the idea of creating an English language teaching project for children in Brazil. The classes, all voluntary, began after the teenagers contacted ACER Brasil in 2023.



The English Learning League (ELL) was created in August 2022 by teenagers Ana Luisa, Isabella and Caroli-

na with the aim of helping Brazilian children and teenagers, without financial conditions to afford a language school, to learn to communicate in English easily and free of charge. The first contact with ACER Brasil, however, was made in January this year after the members did an online search for organizations involved in social projects in the country.

According to Ana Luisa, "We started this project to help a community that we thought was important. We chose to teach English to Brazilian children because we are three Brazilian girls living in Miami and the objective of the project in Diadema is to help children from Eldorado practice English."

Classes take place twice a week, with twenty minutes of theoretical class given by the girls remotely and some more conversation and vocabulary time with the face-toface performance with volunteer Harry, a native of the United Kingdom. "They already have some level of understanding of the English language, but they are shy when it comes to talking (...) I am also trying to give them some lessons in geography and recent history (from the United Kingdom and the United States) because I believe it to be very important, as some of them have already commented that they are interested in these topics as well", he explains.

Pyetra, an ELL student, says that she started attending our classes after being advised by the director of the school where she studies. "I

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feel comfortable because normally I don't like to talk," she says. Laura, on the other hand, reveals that she started attending classes after her mother asked if she would like to learn other languages. ACER Brasil was already a place known by the family and the teenager already had a good impression of the space. "The people at ACER Brasil are very nice", she says.

We were very pleased to see that there is this interest from young people, residents of the community, in learning a second language, especially English. May these studies yield them good achievements in both their personal and professional trajectories.



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We will be represented by our current general secretary @hannayjonathan to comment on the role of safeguards with regard to ophthalmological needs at sporting events, considering ACER Brasil's experience at the Visão do Esporte event.





### AGENDA March

20 a 22 - Eldorado Texteis tent at St. Paul's School

20 a 25 - SIMAF International Seminar in Campinas