

# ELT, CRITICAL LITERACY AND EMPOWERMENT: HIGHLIGHTS OF A BRAZILIAN PROJECT

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# Agenda

✓Aims ✓ Setting the context  $\checkmark$  The projects: ✓Theoretical background Highlights of the lessons
 2015 PROJECT ✓ 2016 PROJECT ✓ Facing challenges ✓ What we have learnt from the experience Final Considerations Comments and questions

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The aim of this paper is to share some innovative activities and materials developed in an ELT project at a nongovernmental organization in the northeast of Brazil, designed to teach underprivileged children and adolescents.



Teachers in initial education

7-18 year-old underprivileged children

Workshops → Socially relevant themes → Citizenship



Academia → Community



**Integrated Learning** 

**Extension -Scholarships** 



Teaching English to Young Adults: English as a tool for Professional Development and Critical Literacy (2015)

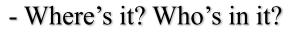
> Linguistic compentences & empowerement

Integrating English, Music, Dance and Games: a innovative ELT approach to adolescents in both scholar and non-scholar contexts (2016)

Theoretical Backgrounds  $\bigcirc$ Multimodality Socially relevant themes (KRESS,2006) Situated language learning (BARTON, HAMILTON & IVANIC, 2000; ROJO, 2009) ✓ Crítical líteracy(FREIRE, 1987, HAWKINS; NORTON, 2009)



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- Why the large red shoes?
- Is it common?
- Do you know anybody who has been in these shoes?

HILD SEXUAL NEW CONTACT BACKING REPORT IT

Say no to

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- What kind of text?Where? To whom?
- What does it say?
- Why?

- What would do?
  - Would you help? How?
  - Shall we alert the community?

### Multiple ways to read the wor(l)d

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#### Music Children's Rights

# **Games – Ludic Learning**



# Arts and Crafts – Multiple ways to express oneself





Children's Rights





Environment

## <u>Challenges</u>

- Heterogeneous GroupTaboos
- Passiveness X Dialogic Engagement
   Pre-conceptions









 Linguistic development aligned with a view of language as social practice used to act in the world

 Socio-political awareness and engagement: citizenship education

 An empowered community, willing and able to stand up for their rights

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