

I came to Coady to
add skills and tools
to support my passion
for international
development and
women's empowerment.
I hope to give back to
my community using the
knowledge aquired in
this incredible training!

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The Belo Horizonte Hub was founded in 2014 and I was invited to join one year later. Our work is voluntary, so we are still working towards understanding how to best address our needs and undertake projects. We have weekly meetings in which we discuss the projects that are in place, set goals and timelines and designate the responsible people. We now operate as an incubator for projects from the Shapers to then be able to accelerate outside projects related to social entrepreneurship in our city.

The Global Shapers community is an international network of youth aged between 20 and 30, connected to the World Economic Forum. It shares the Forum's mission to improve the state of the world, and does so by thinking globally and acting locally. There are 5,000+ Shapers in 400+ hubs around the globe. The Belo Horizonte Hub works with the concept of social entrepreneurship, raising awareness through the arts, speeches to students of various ages and networking events with stakeholders.

