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Positive social interaction for Rio's favelas

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One of Lead's network of Fellows, Leonardo Martins Dias, has created and launched an event under the inspirational concept 'Rio sem Fronteiras' or 'Rio without borders' – a groundbreaking event designed to promote positive social interaction in Rio's Favela Fallet.

Grassroots leaders, former drug dealers, Government representatives, Head of UPP (Police Peacekeeping Units), the communities' residents, artists and academics have all come together to participate in discussions about Leonardo's proposal entitled 'New ways of leadership for favelas' sustainability after the pacification process'.

'It was very inspiring for me to see such a diverse audience and such mutual understanding and respect among them. It was a very rich and special moment of social dialogue.'

LEONARDO MARTINS DIAS

The event is presented under the Social Technology framework which Léo co-created and which he is now implementing worldwide. It is based on his in-depth experience of Brazilian social integration and its positive impact on communities. One of the main objectives of the event is to build trust between stakeholders – a new level of trust that offers significant value to those communities that choose to work together in this way. It's also a good way of enhancing local people's self-esteem and bringing visibility to their issues, under 'invisible' conditions. But old paradigms and stigmas create obstacles to this kind of innovative, integrated, multidisciplinary approach, so the importance of positive interaction and collaboration has never been greater.

For further information please see [here](#).

Further insights can also be found on Leo's website [here](#)