Our purpose is to transform the future of learning in Colombia
¡Hi, we are SOLE COLOMBIA!

Our passion is to connect education, technology and rural Colombia, and we do it through SOLE (Self-Organized Learning Environments).

SOLE is a disruptive education methodology that empowers communities to develop: Autonomy, collaboration, deep learning, and most important of all, to solve real-life problems!

¿How to do SOLE?

The SOLE session is simple, you need: A room with people, a few computers with internet access and Big Questions.

In a SOLE people self-organize to find answers to questions without the need for a teacher. In this intellectual adventure, learning emerges from the participants’ interest.

Developing life-skills like:

- Expression and communication
- Creativity and innovation
- Critical Thinking
- Technological Fluency
What does SOLE Colombia do?

We represent SOLE in Colombia, scaling the methodology to reach the furthest locations around the country.

In just 4 years we have reached 2,313 public libraries, schools and community centers.

Partnered with SOLE Central in Newcastle University (UK), The Granny Cloud, ICT Ministry, Culture Ministry through the National Public Library Network, Colciencias, Telefónica Foundation, SAP, American Tower Corporation, Samsung, EAN University and hundreds of volunteers and donors...

... more than 417,000 children, teens and adults have participated from SOLE sessions since 2014.
Our scaling model is based on building a network of people, change-makers, champions which we call the SOLE Community. It is composed of ambassadors, explorers, participants and grannies, that connect in different places around the country and the world.

**Participants** are all people of *all* ages who meet in a SOLE to solve a Big Question.

**Ambassadors** are teachers, librarians, community leaders and enthusiasts who we train with the SOLE methodology. They are responsible for motivating SOLE sessions in their own communities.

**Grannies** are an independent team of volunteers that motivates participants by connecting remotely, from different places in the world, with the SOLEs. They provide the experience of distant worlds, provoke curiosity, listen carefully and give warm encouragement.

**Explorers** are replicators of the SOLE methodology and their role is to inspire and train ambassadors.
Why SOLE?

The SOLE community has allowed us to connect in a network of trust and mutual support. We have learned from each other, and we are proud of the impact SOLE has on communities!

In addition to provoking curiosity and developing skills to learn how to learn together, SOLE has served ambassadors and participants as a tool to:

- **Preserve and share their culture**

  “It has been a good way to work with the community, now the children are “experts” in technology!”

  Elainer Ipuana, SOLE ambassador from the Wayuu community, at Parque de Flora y Fauna Los Flamencos, La Guajira.

- **Participate in an inclusive way**

  “This is the first time that we feel under equal conditions as the children who can hear”.

  Hearing impaired student and SOLE participant, IE Espinal, Tolima

- **Turn students into active citizens**

  “I no longer teach class. The students themselves have convinced other teachers that this is the way they want to learn. We have spread the message”.

  María Bayter, teacher and SOLE ambassador, Alberto Elías Fernández Baena School, Cartagena, Bolívar.

- **Build peace**

  “I had never turned on a computer before. This is a success...”


- **Promote rural entrepreneurship**

  “With the neighbors of our community, we are making bags with recycled materials while there is no harvest”.

  Robinson Orrego, community leader and SOLE ambassador, Pisamal community, Caldas
SOLE COLOMBIA IN NUMBERS

Since 2014

417,416 participants
4,250 ambassadors
315 explorers
19 grannies (Spanish speaking)

2,313 public spaces (libraries and schools)
2 SOLE Labs
32 provinces
SOLE Colombia team, with the support of **SOLE Central** and **The Granny Cloud**, and hundreds of volunteers who are part of the **SOLE Colombia community**.
We have been nominated to the following awards:

- Best Leaders in Colombia 2017 Prize
- 3rd. Digital Social Mobilization National Prize 2017
- Digital Transformation with Social Impact PriceWaterhouseCoopers - Cintel Prize
¡Let’s talk!

Thank you.

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