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# Workshops at the People's Summit

Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 June Flamengo Parque, Rio de Janeiro

The People's Summit was a forum for civil society and other groups that weren't formally involved in the Rio+20 Conference. Held in a series of tents and marquees in Flamengo Parque, the People's Summit attracted over 15,000 people per day. LEAD ran two workshops at the Summit during our week in Rio, which gave us the chance to share our approach to sustainability leadership with a new and very diverse audience.

We started the workshops with a ball game that explored the links between communication and leadership. This was not only a good way for the participants to get to know each other quickly, but it attracted a lot of attention from passers-by and helped us to engage additional audience members. This 'hands on' approach was more suitable for such an informal setting than a presentation would have been, and helped to demonstrate our action-oriented approach to learning.



The ball game was followed by a discussion about leadership traits and behaviours such as vision and values, learning and change, self-awareness, and confidence and persistence. The participants reflected on their own actions and explored the key dimensions of sustainability leadership in small groups.

Our workshops at the People's Summit allowed us to engage with a wide range of people including families, local residents and academics. It was great to see students from Escola Parque – the school that we had visited earlier in the week – taking part in the event, and we were also joined by students from the Anglo-American school, who had heard about us from LEAD Fellow Marcus Saussey.

The feedback from our events at the People's Summit was extremely positive and thanks to the support from Marcus and LEAD Fellows Pedro Nogueira and Leonardo Martins Dias, we were able to run the workshops in Portuguese as well as English, which was greatly appreciated by the audience.















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