

# Connected by the Beat



## **Who are we?**

Our names are Luisa, Manuela, Maria Adelaida, and Ilana, and we are Connected by the Beat. Connected by the Beat is a group where The Columbus School's members can help an attempt to afford ideas to help the promotion of education towards Colombian communities. Working next to local foundations such as **Crew School**, a local foundation focused on creating tools, experiences, and learning opportunities related with art, technology and social work for children of all ages especially in low income communities. The idea is to make/give interesting videos explaining simple, yet accurate activities to the kids in times of a pandemic, after its over to go and teach them personally. We have already created activities like; cooking, dancing, drawing, and even beginner English classes to help the creativity of the kids.

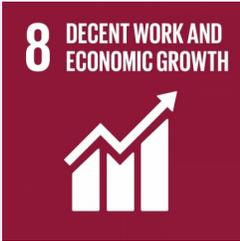


This is Santiago, the founder of Crew School foundation.

## **What we have learned so far**

Connected by the Beat has come a long way since we started. Working with our first foundation, Crew School, has taught us the great process and work that is required in building a foundation to help the community. Not only have we learned the long process of lesson planning for children, but we've also learned the great amount of patience it takes to co-work and plan meetings. Working with Crew School has also taught us that a foundation is made up of a big group of people, and there is actually a lot of effort required to be able to go out and help little kids in their schools. We have

learned that unfortunately, Colombia is a country with a lot of poverty, and the majority of communities don't have access to quality education which is why we were inspired to take our knowledge and spread it to little kids who don't have the same access to a quality education as us. Connected by the Beat mainly targets the 4th, 8th, and 10th SDG goals. The goal of quality education which ensures inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong learning opportunities for all. The goal of decent work and economic growth promotes sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. The goal of reduced inequalities adopts fiscal and social policies that promotes equality.



### Our Impact

After working all the 2020- 2021 school year in our global and sustainability class, Connected by the Beat will be a group that grows to be a part of The Columbus School community. Students from middle school and high school can join and participate in lesson planning activities through the platforms such as zoom and Google Drive. Connected by the Beat will be in charge of creating interactive activities that can be done online. We will meet up frequently and collaborate with different foundations throughout time. The objective is that once we are done with our mission with Crew School, we can move on and do the same things with other local foundations.



## **Not everything has been as easy...**

COVID-19 pandemic interfered with our initial goals. The original idea of Connected by the Beat was to go to public hospitals and have giveaways online to collect money and donate it to the affected hospitals in low income areas since they have been struggling to buy protective resources. The situation with Covid-19 didn't allow us to go out, especially because it would be a higher contagious risk if we are having direct contact with hospitals and doctors. This is why we changed our goal. Instead of helping public hospitals, we focused on Crew School. However, Coronavirus also made a huge play. We wanted to go to the institutions where the kids are, but it is very risky. With the help of Santiago, the director of Crew School, we will donate resources and make videos/documents with different activities where the kids can learn and have a cool time.



## **Contact Us!**

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