

Florestan Fernandes National School needs your help to keep operating. Located in Guararema (70 km from São Paulo city), the ENFF, opened with a major international event on January 23 2005. The school, was built between 2000 and 2005, thanks to the volunteer work of more than a thousand landless people and supporters. Its mission is to meet the training needs of social movements and organizations fighting for a fairer world.

The funds for its construction were obtained from the sale of photos from Sebastião Salgado and the book **Earth** (photos by Sebastião Salgado, José Saramago's text and music by Chico Buarque) and through the contribution of workers organizations of Brazil, Latin America and several parts of the world.

The resources for its maintenance and operation are obtained through national and international projects, by donations from social organizations and social movements and the increasing individual voluntary collaboration of women and men who support the project.

Currently, ENFF is threatened by economic strangulation, in the context of an offensive orchestrated by the Brazilian right wing forces against social movements, and particularly against the Landless Movement (MST).

At this time, when social movements are required to mobilise their energies to resist the attacks of the capital, the School also becomes the target of this policy: the upper classes do not accept the idea of the workers becoming conscious subjects of their own history. Without resources, the school runs the risk of ending its activities. Therefore, your contribution is more necessary than ever. In the following pages you will find the reasons why you should help.



## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

To become a member is essential to fill the membership with a commitment to contribute in frequency and value defined by you.

The funds raised by the Association are allocated directly to the activities of the School. Eventually part of these resources is used in the organisation of punctual ENFF activities such as seminars, shows, photography exhibition, music and film festivals.

Participate in a guided visit to ENFF, regularly organised by our Association. You will feel proud to belong to the group of supporters that enables the ENFF project.

**For more information on how to participate  
and contribute, be in contact with the  
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**WE NEED TO KEEP  
THIS ACHIEVEMENT!**







## THE PHYSICAL SPACE OF ENFF

The school is built on a land of 120 000 m2, with bricks manufactured by the workers themselves. The architectural design, developed in solidary terms, had as its principle to cause the least damage to the environment and at the same time, provide the best outcome for the school employees, students, advisors and visitors.

Altogether, three classrooms, which comprise up to 200 people, an auditorium, two lecture halls, a library with 40,000 books (obtained through donation), with space for reading and editing room. In addition, the school has four accommodation blocks, cafeterias, laundry facilities, sewage treatment station and houses aimed at advisers and families of workers who reside in the school. It also has a vegetable field that produces for local consumption, and fruit trees scattered around the ground. For leisure, features a grass football field and a multi-purpose indoor sports court.

The full operation requires the fulltime dedication of 42 militant workers living there, from all areas (from pedagogical administrative sector, through electrical and sanitary infrastructure among others). All people who attend their courses are in charge of cleaning, taking care of the garden and other such jobs required. To ensure the participation of men and women who go to school carrying their children, the "Child CIRANDA Saci Pererê" was built. In this kindergarden their children remain in a healthy and caring environment while their parents study and/or work.



## THE TRAINING WORK OF ENFF

In the first nine years of its existence, 24 thousand people took part in courses, seminars, conferences and visits, from urban and rural social movements, from all states of Brazil and other Latin American and African countries.

The School counts on the support of more than 500 volunteer teachers - from Brazil, Latin America and elsewhere - in the fields of Political Philosophy, Theory of Knowledge, Rural Sociology, Economics, Agriculture, Social Political History of Brazil, International Context, Administration and Social Management, Rural Education, Latin American Studies etc.

ENFF also offers high and specialisation courses, in partnership with more than 35 universities, as in the instance of Social Work and Law and MSc in Territorial Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, through an agreement with UNESP and the Education field Chair of UNESCO. The ENFF maintains agreements with more than 15 training schools in other countries.



## JOIN THE STRUGGLE IN DEFENCE OF THE ENFF

In December 2009 a group of intellectuals, teachers, activists and self employed citizens decided to create the "Association of Friends of the Florestan Fernandes National School", with the following goals:

- To promote the school activities, by all possible means
- To start a national campaign for the adhesion of new members
- To promote activities and solidarity campaigns to raise funds, donations of books, magazines, publications and audiovisual resources for the Library
- To support and encourage the development of projects of education and schooling of rural, urban, indigenous and Afro Brazilian children, youth and projects aimed to tackle ethnic, gender, sex and religion
- To develop specific partnerships with training and education institutions and organisations
- To motivate projects engaged with studies on the tradition of critical thinking
- To stimulate exchange of training activities in Brazil and Latin America and other continents.

