

LiA 2026: Fundación SORA



Who are SORA?

Fundación SORA is a social organisation formed by and for the people of Comuna 13, one of Medellín's most violence afflicted neighbourhoods. It aims to be a community-focused space for children and the elderly, consisting of a restaurant, a cultural cafe space, a Media Lab and a classroom. Alongside scholars from other universities, I worked to help improve SORA's access to collaborations, wider presence and activated their Media Lab. Individually, I produced a short film (click to view!) interviewing the founders of the organisation and conducted a reading activity, origami session, film screening.



Conclusion and Thanks

Our work with Fundación SORA was successful in achieving all tasks assigned, producing deliverables and ensuring that our self-initiated sessions with the children were carried forward by five local university students who agreed to volunteer. Gratitude to Make Sense Americas and Fundacion SORA, Lord Laidlaw, The Laidlaw Foundation, The University of St Andrews and fellow members of the Laidlaw 2026 cohort.



Aims and Outcomes

- Activating the Media Lab by conducting sessions on AI literacy, Scratch, Canva
- Facilitating wider visibility and opportunities for collaboration by prototyping a website, designing descriptive social media posts, putting SORA on Google Maps
- Produced a video as archive/promotional piece interviewing the founders of SORA, their experiences, aims and involvement in the foundation
- Recruited volunteers from Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana to carry on the sessions conducted with the children for arts and design, digital skills, reading, film and crafts.

