

A PLACE TO BE

WHAT IS APTB?

An unschooling sanctuary for families who want to future-proof their kids. We do this by fostering freedom, connection and self-fulfillment and by blending care-free play in nature with the wonders of technology.



WHO IS APTB?

Hi, my name is Sylvia Brinded-Püls and I'm the founder of APTB. By now, my team has grown and we're 4 families who are founding this together, plus many others who have roles as facilitators, financial and business advisors, volunteers and supporters in different ways. Mainly Bitcoiners.

WHY IS APTB?

I wanted my children to grow up in a neighborhood where all kids are being unschooled so they will always have friends to play with, spend much time in nature, have kind and intelligent adults around to bond with and learn from in a natural, non-coercive way. As I couldn't find this type of environment, I'm creating it myself.

WHY UNSCHOOLING?

'Schools are inefficient, damaging and a waste of time.'
Sylvia Brinded-Püls



WHAT ARE APTB'S VALUES?



We operate by first principles.

Our goal is not to teach children about every aspect of life or to keep them from making mistakes. Every child will do things that we don't approve of, make mistakes, take risks, experience strong emotions and many other things that might scare us as parents. But the purpose of giving our children a first-principles-based upbringing, is to future-proof them: we put them into a loving environment where they can learn from mistakes, grow through them, live by first principles to develop highly functioning critical thinking and creative problem-solving abilities essential for navigating life's uncertainties.

Some might be worried about too much screen time, others about kids trying substances like alcohol, cigarettes or drugs at some point. Others will be more concerned about their child's emotional well-being. However, it's crucial to recognize that by providing a strong foundation for your children, you are equipping them with the tools they need to handle these challenges. Despite the inevitable moments of discomfort or concern as children explore and learn, trust in the resilience and values you've instilled in them. This foundation will serve as a guiding light, leading them towards making sound choices as they mature.

WHAT DOES APTB OFFER?

In the beginning you'll be able to enjoy:

- SPACE: 100.000 square meter piece of land
- NATURE: trees, hills, view over Funchal and the ocean
- COMPANY: Kids of all ages, dedicated facilitators and cool families
- COVER: a tent in case it rains
- THE BASICS: books, board games, tools, tables, chairs, a piano, crafting material and lots more
- ANIMALS: Chickens, guinea pigs, dog, cats and a goat
- COWORKING: container building with tables, chairs, electricity and internet connection
- RESTROOMS: off-grid toilets and washroom

WHAT WILL THE LEARNING FACILITIES INCLUDE?

Once we've inaugurated we will take some time to get to know each other without offering any classes yet. Children can play freely as they wish and from there we'll build an organic class structure according to their interests and passions. We'll offer the basic equipment for each area of interest and will invest in and support any area (also those that do not currently exist) that a child or group of children are wanting to explore. It's an organic process of using the free market.

These are the hubs we're going to build so the kids can explore them if interested:

- Library/computer room for research
- Science room
- AI/robotics lab
- Coding hub
- Creative hub (wood work, sewing, painting, crafting etc)
- Musical area
- Theatre/drama club
- Playground



WHERE IS APTB?

APTB is set up on a 100.000m² (14 football fields) piece of land on a mountain top in Sao Goncalo, a 20 min drive North-East of Funchal city center and same distance from the airport.



WHEN DOES APTB OPEN?

We're aiming to launch mid to end of March 2024 and will release the date asap.

CAN I LIVE AT APTB?

Not yet. Once we have building permission (probably autumn 2024), we will set up tiny houses and domes for families to stay. Minimum stay is 1 month. Medium and long term rentals will be offered. We aim to have 21 rental units that we'll set up bit by bit because we'll do all the work by ourselves.



WHO CAN JOIN APTB?

Unschooling families who are aligned with our non-negotiable guidelines (you'll find them in our member's area, just sign up for free) and have gone through the screening process (read below)



HOW CAN I SIGN UP?

Go to our [registration page](#)

- Fill out the registration form
- Read our guidelines
- Accept them
- Have an in person or virtual chat with Sylvia
- Be accepted



WHAT WILL PARENT BE DOING AT APTB?

Everybody's got the same rights... do whatever you want as long as you respect other people's boundaries. Explore your interests, relax, use the co-working space, plant something, build a finnish sauna (that's Rob's idea), do some Bitcoin mining (that's what Alex will be doing), paint (Magda's dream)...

HOW MUCH DOES APTB COST?

APTB is a private club and we have 2 different memberships:

★ Full membership

For families with at least one child **over 4 years** old.

One-time sign up fee per family: 4000 Euros.

EARLY BIRD (before we open our doors): 2500 Euros.

Monthly tuition: Your first and second child pay **750 Euros per month** each, and every other child 500 Euros per month.* You stop paying tuition for your kids when they reach their 18th birthday. After that they can continue coming without charge.

What's included? All our facilities and services except for lodging and certain workshops/retreats.

★ Youngster's Club

For families with **all children under 4 years** old.

One-time sign up fee per family: 2000 Euros.

EARLY BIRD (before we open our doors): 1000 Euros.

Monthly tuition per family: 150 Euros.*

What's included? All our facilities and services except for lodging, childcare and certain workshops/retreats. All kids under 4 need to be supervised by the parent or another caretaker. Once your oldest child turns 4, you'll start paying 750 Euros** per month for him/her and the 150 Euros family tuition is waived.

YOU ONLY PAY FOR THE MONTH'S YOU USE THE FACILITIES.

*inflation adjusted (average 5% a year)/**plus 5% inflation rate p.a.

CAN I PAY IN BITCOIN?

Of course you can. We accept Bitcoin and Euros.

