

# Bookpals Portugal



**Valença**



Valença is a town situated in the north of Portugal, near the border with Spain. It has about 14,000 inhabitants. Its origins go back to the Roman empire. In the 12th century it was called Contrasta, but king Afonso III changed its name to Valença.

The town fortress is a piece of gothic and baroque military architecture. The first walls were built in the 13th century. It is formed by two polygons separated by a ditch, and four doors. The main entrance is Porta do Sol (Door of the Sun). This door was damaged during the Napoleonic invasions.

In 1879, Portugal and Spain agreed to build a bi-functional – road and train – bridge. It was inspired in Eiffel works, and it is still in use.

## Our team



# Ana Carolina Fernandes



Hi! I´m Ana Carolina, a Portuguese student and I´m 16 years old. I do part of this project because I love to meet new people and learn more about other countries and cultures. I have one brother (13) and three dogs. In my free times I love listen to music, watch TV, hang out with my friends, read books and do sports - I go to the gym four times a week and, every Sunday morning, go for a walk with my dog. Kisses

## Beatriz Lira



Hi everyone, my name is Beatriz Lira but you can call me Lira, that's how my friends treat me. Anyway, I'm 16 years old and I live in a really small town in the northern part of Portugal, Valença. I love to hang out with my friends and listen music and I also enjoy travelling and meet new people as well as their cultures. I hope that this is enough and see you somewhere

**Nuno Carita**



Hi, my name is Nuno Carita, I am 15 years old and I live in Valença.

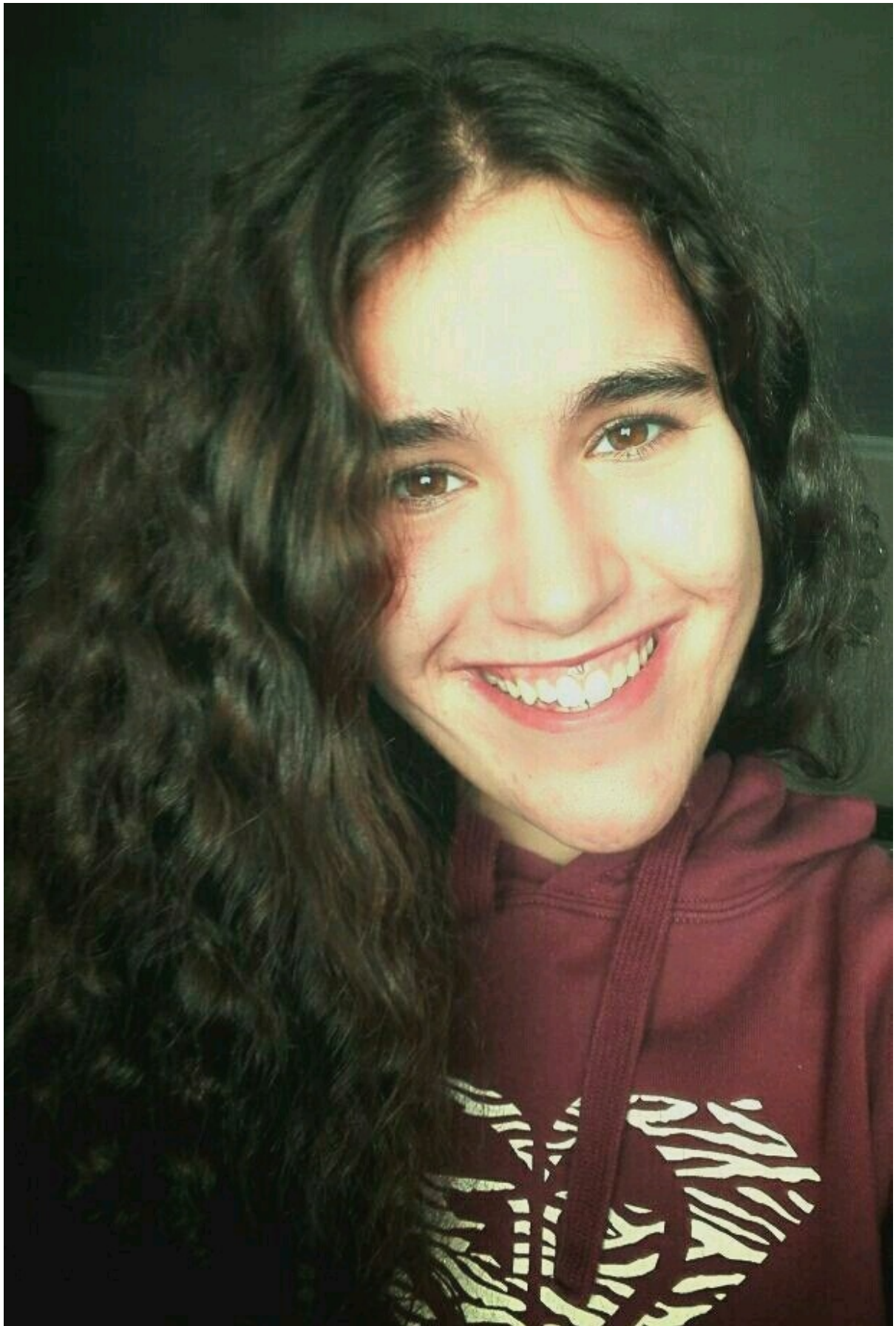
I enjoy almost every sport and I love music.

In my free time I mainly hang out with my friends, practice some sport and I am a scout too.

I love to know other countries, cultures and meet new people too.

Bye

# **Maria Inês Costa**



Hey there!!! I'm Inês, I'm 16 and I live in Valença, Portugal.

In my free time I play the piano and the guitar and I listen to music. Also, I absolutely love ballroom and latin dancing! Basically, if it has music involved I will almost certainly enjoy it.

I have a crazy dog, Bowie. She drives me nuts some times, but I love her.

I'm also a scout.

I want to get to know other cultures and, above all, take my own as far as I can!

See you!!! ;\*

## Jorge Silva



Hello, I am Jorge Silva. I am 14 years old and I am from Valença, a small city in the north of Portugal. In my free time I like to play tennis, go to the swimming pool, read and watch TV. I love travelling because I think is a great way to learn more about other cultures and

countries.

# Carolina Martins



Hi! My name is Carolina Martins, I'm 16 years old and I'm from Valença, Portugal. I love everything about art and travelling. I am a scout and i've already done a trip as it. I see myself as a friendly person and a passionate. In my free times I hang out with my friends, I'm on youtube and I watch TV series. I really want to meet people from different countries because it is a way to get to know more about our world and about me.

# Sofia Barbosa





Hiii, I´m Sofia Barbosa ,a Portuguese student of sciences and technologies and I´m 15 years old. I like to experiment different things , know new cultures and others countries , I love music and the nature . I´m to athlete, catechist and my best friends are a book and headphones , that I´ve always with me for case to be bored.

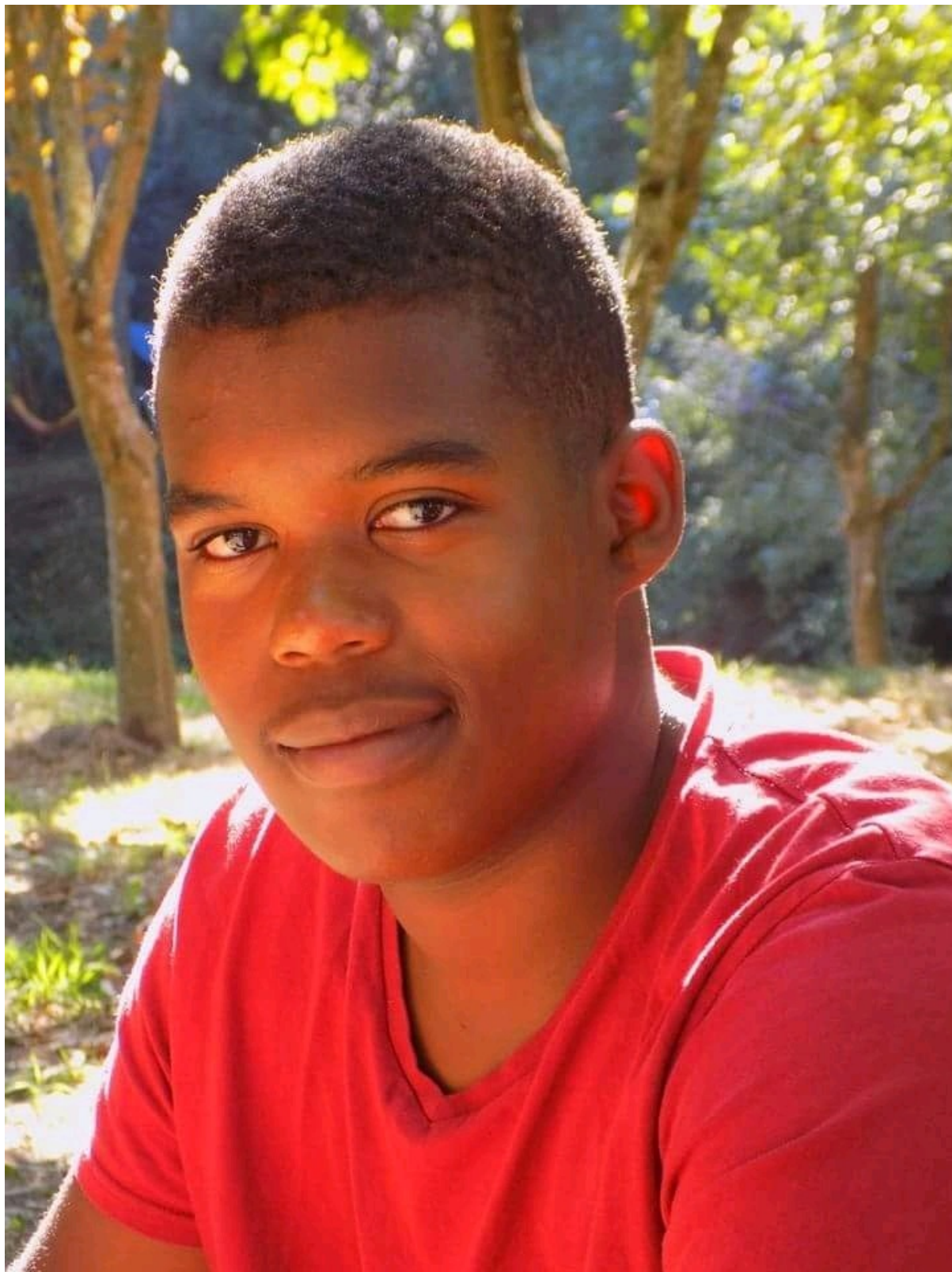
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**Mariana Eiras**



Hello! I'm Mariana Eiras, I'm 15 years old and I live in Valença. In my free time I listen to music, play bass, go to the swimming pool, go to an English Institute and to a Music Academy. I want to know new cultures and get to know mine. Kisses

**Ivan Vicente**



Hi, I am Ivan Vicente, I'm 15 years old and I live Valença, a small city in the north of Portugal. I play the trombone and I have played rink hockey for 8 years. I love travelling because I think it is a way of growing up mentally and culturally by getting to know other cultures and getting the Portuguese culture abroad too.

Bye

**Rita Vilar**



Hi! I'm Rita Vilar, I'm 16 years old and I live in Valença, a small city in Northern Portugal. In my free time I love to listen to music, watch movies and TV series and hang out with my friends. I also love to meet new people, new countries and new ways of life.

**Inês Pereira**



Hello!! My name is Inês Pereira, I'm 15 years old and I'm from Portugal. In my free times I like to listen to music, watch movies and play Basketball. I also like to travel and meet new countries and new cultures. Byeee

**Sofia Amoedo**



Hi, I'm Sofia Amoedo, I'm 16 years old. I live in a small town in the north of Portugal called Valença. In my free time I like to listen to music, watch series and movies, hang out you my friends and go to the gym. Bye

**Beatriz Mazedá**



Hello, I´m Beatriz Mazedra, I´m 16 years old and I from Valena, Portugal. I play the guitar, I go to the gymnasium, I go to the English Institute and I´m scout. I want to understand different cultures and discover what the teenagers` ideals are. In addition, I would enjoy sharing with others students the Portuguese culture. Bye bye

**Rafael Afonso**



Hi! I am Rafael Afonso and I am 16 years old. I live in Friestas, which is a small village in the north of Portugal. I am keen on having a healthy lifestyle, always trying to eat healthy food, practicing athletics and swimming and reading. Moreover, I am a folklore group member because I believe that we should keep to traditions that deserve to be preserved, never forgetting our cultural roots, and it gives me the opportunity to get to know new people, places and customs.

**Inês Sousa**





Hi! I´m Inês Sousa and I´m 15 years old. I am from Valença, Portugal, and I really love to travel around the world and meeting new people and traditions. I also love to read and listening to music in my free times. I´m very cheerful and I love to learn new things. Hope to get along with everybody!