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GIMNASIA NATURAL: FROM HEBERTISM TO FUTURE

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ABOUT ME

My name is David and I work teacher, researcher and academic trainer at my project Método Gimnasia Natural.

Involved in sports all my life, practising many different disciplines Started to address my education towards sports from the age of 16 until I've got to uni, where I graduated ad P.E. teacher and later, I graduated in Science of sports and Physical Activitity

Suffered the consequences of **specialisation** myself and got two severe injuries

My most relevant reference from this time was the study **Francisco Amorós and G. Hebert's** works.





WHAT IS GIMNASIA NATURAL AND WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

What is the ideal definition of an active life and why we have to move.

I spent two years reflecting, developing and training on the idea of how could I propose a sort of global activity, based on the values from the naturist pedagogy and built around the concept of the families of movement developed by Herbert.





I started to experiment with myself during the walks with my dog, developing my own training sistem.



How and with whom we practise?

In 2014, we started with some groups of people from 25 to 45 years old, meeting at the beach and performing a mixture of disciplines guided by me.

We started to feel the results: inner calm, skills development and the concept of tribe



Also, acquiring a deep knowledge on all the possibilities of the environment, as we train on the sand of the seashore, surrounding mounts, parks, streets and in the water of the Mediterranean sea.



Hebertism as a source

Hebertism is one of the main sources for Gimnasia Natural: values, exercises and philosophy

Gimnasia Natural as a **lifestyle**: minimalist shoes in their lives, caring about nutrition and applying to their routines the most of our teachings.

The feedback we get from the people acquiring these routines is very positive as they feel a massive change in their live towards health and experience plenty of tangible benefits.



What is the reality today?

Movement is a key factor for health but **is just not there**.

Excessive competitiveness in

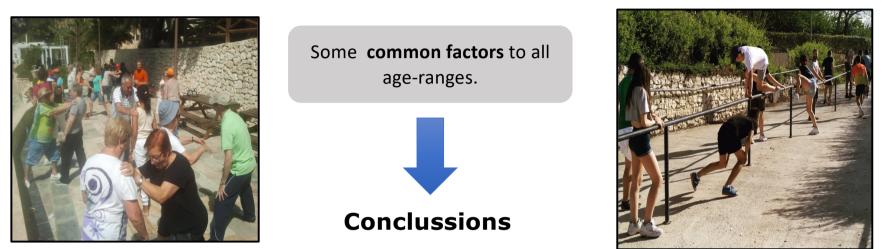
sports, early specialisation or poor motor abilities do not help people to approach physical activities and the **pleasure to move fades away** sooner each day. Our youngest are too virtually connected and poorly connected to nature. Increasing sedentarism and nutrition illnesses diagnoses for the last 15 years.

Cities are **designed** for working-class adult men and cars, and **not for the service and joy** of all citizens. Mid-age adults diagnosed stress, sendentarism and nutrition-related illnesses. Choose sport which are **not sustainable** in the long run. Quit or get injured.

Our elders lose agility and strength due to sedentarism. Exercise prescription is based on specialised practises. No cognitive and motor skills focus.



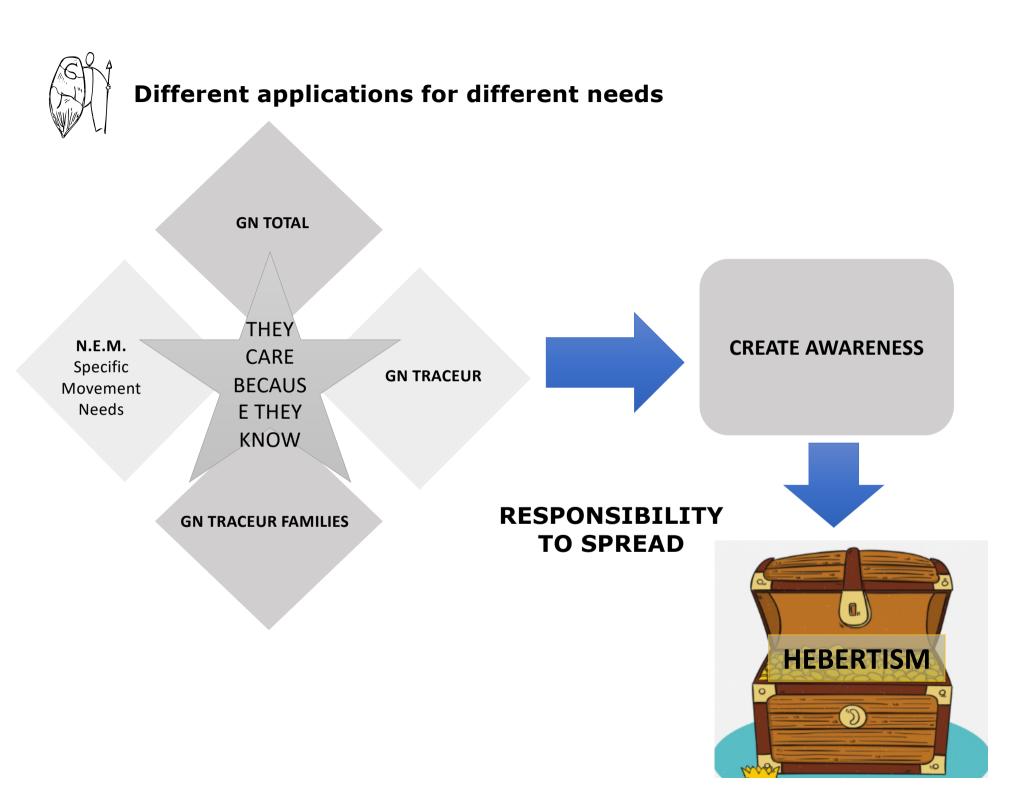
What is the reality today?



Conscious about the need of a healthy diet. **Not** yet quite **conscious** about the need of quality **movement for a good health**.

Physical activity offer doesn't satisfy the **increasing demand of new activities focused on health**, wellbeing and sustainability.

Motivation fades away with no engagement. **Engagement** comes when physical activity makes you feel good and connected and it doesn't feel as an obligation. Engagement comes when movement makes you **happy.**





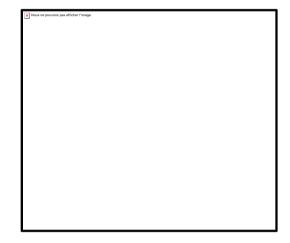
How can we get it?

1.Children's education: As a society, children should be **educated** on the basic need of a **healthy diet** and **healthy physical activity** as the foundation of your one's own health.

2.Higher Education: **Education** in sports to **offer new disciplines** as yoga, paleo-fitness, crossfit and that is where **Method Naturelle** gets in.

3. Public health system: Often doctors **prescribe** exercise or physical activities to patients with very varied issues. **Hebertism** is a great alternative to get a **complete workout regardless age** and physical conditions. Let **health professionals to know** about this alternative, its applications and its benefits.



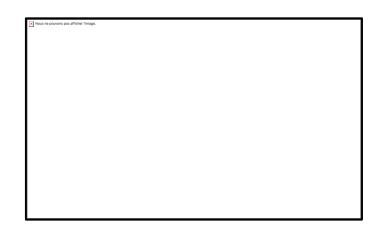






4. Proactive approach to that people who we know are potentially interested on Hebertism and they incarnate where the sport is going to: **parkour, paleo fitness, movement culture**... This will give us a chance to expand, to let the people know about hebertism.





5. Agree some common strategy or directions as hebertits: where we want to get, what we need for that, what each can bring in. All this, being mindful of the current social environment: impact of social media, target audiences, richness that the diversity in the local practise can bring in

6. Join our energies to expand Hebertism in a sustainable way, which to me, implies the development of a solid international but centralised infrastructure from which we can expand.



Local initiatives at Gimnasia Natural

Trainer for regional government organisation (CEFIRE) for P.E. Professionals

Planning a **physical activity prescription** project with Primary Assistance department within the National Health System

Mentors for Physical Education Bachelor who choose Gimnasia Natural for their internship

Collaborations with the

University of Alicante.

Training courses for physiotherapists

Workshops on different aspects

Some university students preparing their degree final essay on Gimnasia Natural.

We are going to collaborate with a **research work from University** of Alicante on the benefits of Gimnasia Natural,

Weekly training groups



What does to be hebertist in 2019 mean?

Being a **Hebertism to me is like an activism**. Hebertism for is my way to **contribute** to society with something positive and **transform** the world for the better from **physical activity**. We want to be healthy, strong and happy. So the activity we propose is a great way to hit that target.

Hebertism like an ancient treasure. Responsibility to revalue and update. Hebertists are agents for the social transformation, the ethics and sustainability Hebertists are a reference for those looking for alternative physical activities.

Gimnasia Natural is a **tool to channel** Hebertism as a **source for new disciplines** on demand. Same targets but different ways to achieve them.

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