

WORLD HERITAGE VOLUNTEERS 2015 AND #UNITE4HERITAGE

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

We have the pleasure to announce the launch of a **common action** of the [UNESCO #UNITE4HERITAGE campaign](#) in synergy with the [World Heritage Volunteers 2015](#). The common action aims to encourage **youth** from Arab States¹ to take part in one of nineteen selected World Heritage Volunteers Action Camps spread all around the world.

[#UNITE4HERITAGE social media campaign](#) emerged in response to unprecedented attacks on the Arab region's cultural diversity and heritage. The intentional destruction of ancient sites and the looting of cultural objects in Iraq and Syria are examples of intolerance, hatred and violations of human and cultural rights. The #UNITE4HERITAGE campaign seeks to counter this propagation of hatred with messages of unity, tolerance and solidarity. It aims to show that diversity has always been and remains today a strength for all societies. To defend our common heritage and diversity today will build peace tomorrow.

The [World Heritage Volunteers](#) (WHV), an initiative within the framework of the UNESCO [World Heritage Education](#) Programme, seeks to mobilize and involve young people and youth organizations in World Heritage preservation and promotion.² WHV provides opportunities for young people to carry out hands-on activities, gain basic skills in preventive conservation, preservation and work with communities in and around World Heritage sites

Youth action to protect cultural heritage for future generations is urgent and indispensable especially in the light of real threats by those that consider heritage a target for destruction. Cultural heritage is a way to know our past, understand our present and protect our future. World Heritage Volunteers Action Camps is a chance to engage with this spirit. Young people, who constitute 25% of the world's population, are important partners and stakeholders.

Their actions to promote and protect heritage favours intercultural understanding, respect for cultural diversity and helps create an environment propitious to a culture of peace.

The Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) is in charge of facilitating and coordinating the logistical and organization arrangements for this common action.

We invite you to spread the word and apply by **June 28th** at midnight.

APPLICATIONS

To participate, please fill in the [on-line application form](#) and submit it by **28th June 2015** at midnight. You can also download the form (in pdf format) from the following [link](#) and submit it by email to Ines Yousfi at i.yousfi@unesco.org and a copy to Amilcar Vargas am.vargas@unesco.org.

Kindly note that in the application form you should prioritize your choice of the action camp from the list provided, taking in consideration the dates, especially if you have to obtain a visa (depending on your country or nationality and the country chosen).

¹ According to UNESCO regional division, Arab countries are: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

² Since its launch in 2008, more than 3000 youth volunteers have taken part in the 219 WHV Action Camps carried out in over 60 World Heritage sites by 52 local organizations and NGOs in 46 countries.

Selected candidates will be informed via email, and will be asked to confirm their participation in return. More detailed information and arrangements for the Action Camps will be sent afterwards. Following the Action Camp, and upon their return to their country, participants are expected to share their experience and, as much as possible, look into the possibility of replicating the activity in their home country.

COSTS INCLUDED FOR ACCEPTED CANDIDATES

The following costs are covered by the organizer:

1. Travel costs (flight ticket, terminal fees, airport tax, visa, local transport)
2. Registration and participation fees (meals and accommodation, materials and entrance fees to sites).
3. Travel insurance and medical coverage.

Note that other costs not mentioned above will be the responsibility of the participant.

CRITERIA OF SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Candidates should have the following profile:

- Age between 18 and 30 years old.
- National of any of following countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.
- Reside in one of the countries listed above. Candidates living in a different country are accepted if they have been living abroad for less than four years.
- Interested in and/or have experience in heritage conservation or education or management or development projects or volunteerism.
- Knowledge of English.
- Able to stay the entire period of the Action Camp.
- Have communication skills, be able to work in a team and have community spirit.
- Have valid document and passport to apply for a visa and travel to the country of the Action Camp they choose. (See table in annex).
- Preferably be member of a Youth Organization.

CALENDAR OF YOUTH ACTION CAMPS INCLUDED IN THE ACTION

Candidates have to choose by priority three Action Camps in the application form. Candidates should be aware that in applying they accept to attend the complete duration of the Action Camp, except for the project in the Philippines, where the candidates should participate for at least 10 days within the duration of the project (15 May 2015 – 30 August 2015).

Country	Action Camp	World Heritage Site	Dates
Philippines**	WHV-Youth at the Terraces (RTC 2.0)	Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras	15 May – 30 August
Peru	WHV – Chan Chan Zona Arqueológica	Chan Chan Archaeological Zone	1-18 July
Italy	WHV-History lives at Herculaneum!	Archaeological Areas of Pompei	4-15 July
Portugal	WHV-The Whitewashed Heritage of Évora	Historic Centre of Évora	4-15 July
Zimbabwe	WHV-Y2Y Zimbabwe Workcamp 2015	Victoria Falls- Mosi-oa-Tunya	6-23 July
Mexico	WHV-Atlatlahucan, Totolapan and Zacualpan de Amilpas	Earliest 16th Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl	12-25 July 8-22 August
Germany	WHV-Parks and Gardens of Classical Weimar	Classical Weimar	18 July-1 August
Mexico	WHV – Young Guardians of Teotihuacan	Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan	20-31 July
Morocco	WHV-Save the oldest school	Medina of Fez	1-20 August
Morocco	WHV-Look Into Morocco's Ancient History at Chellah	Rabat, Modern Capital and Historic City: a Shared Heritage	1-15 August
Palestine	WHV-Peserving the history of 2000 years	Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir	5-15 August
Uganda	WHV-Bwindi Impenetrable National Park	Bwindi Impenetrable National Park	7-28 August
Indonesia	WHV-Prambanan Temple Compunds	Prambanan Temple Compounds	22 August – 5 September
Turkey	WHV-Gobekli Tepe	Göbekli Tepe *	5-14 September
Nigeria	WHV-Construction of a wing of modern Toilet at the Ancient Idanre Kingdom	Oke Idanre *	14-27 September
Botswana	WHV-Okavango Delta	Okavango Delta	5-16 October
Madagascar	WHV-Saving Rainforests of the Atsinanana	Rainforests of the Atsinanana *	12-31 October
India	WHV- MahaBodhi Temple Bodhgaya- The seat of enlightenment	Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya	8-22 November
Bahrain	WHV-International fold for volunteer work	Qal'at al-Bahrain – Ancient Harbour and Capital of Dilmun	15-26 November