

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

40th Session of the World Heritage Committee
WORLD HERITAGE YOUTH FORUM 2016
At the Crossroads of Multi-Layered Heritage

29 June - 12 July 2016
Istanbul, Turkey

As part of the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee and in the framework of the UNESCO World Heritage Education Programme, the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO and the Istanbul Site Management Directorate are holding the **World Heritage Youth Forum 2016: “At the Crossroads of Multi-Layered Heritage”**. It benefits from the financial support of the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality.

The aim of the Forum is to deepen youth knowledge and understanding the importance of:

- the implementation of the World Heritage Convention,
- the working methods of the World Heritage Committee,
- the challenges and opportunities of the protection of multi-layered World Heritage sites.

Dates: 29 June - 12 July 2016, prior to the 40th session of the World Heritage Committee

Venue: The World Heritage Site of the Historic Areas of Istanbul, the Historic Peninsula and the entirety of the Golden Horn (Haliç)

Working language: English

Young people from all over the world, aged between 22 and 28 years old, who are interested in heritage will be provided the opportunity to exchange ideas, broaden their outlook and contribute to the discussions and immerse themselves in topics such as urban life and its culture, natural landscape, importance and protection of constructions and the silhouette of the city within the scope of multi-layered heritage.

Scheduled activities include:

- visits to World Heritage sites, including Bursa and Cumalıkızık, with the international heritage experts,
- workshops on different aspects emerging from the multi-layered sites,
- practical hands-on activities with timber and stone work for the protection and the maintenance of the World Heritage sites in Istanbul,
- experts and young delegates presentations,
- participation in the discussions on the state of conservation of properties,
- practicing the Youth Model simulation with the scenario on the evaluation of Iznik’s nomination for the World Heritage List which is a multi-layered settlement inscribed on the Tentative List of Turkey,
- drawing up the final document of the Forum for presentation during the Opening Ceremony of the 40th World Heritage Committee,
- attendance to the first session of the 40th World Heritage Committee.

The Turkish National Commission for UNESCO and the Istanbul Site Management Directorate are pleased to invite young people interested in topics related to World Heritage who are:

- Aged from 22 to 28
- Fluent in English (Please note: No interpretation will be provided. The programme will take place in English only)
- Citizens of one of the 21 Member States of the current World Heritage Committee (Angola, Azerbaijan, Burkina Faso, Croatia, Cuba, Finland, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Tunisia, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe) and Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Qatar
- Involved in heritage-related fields such as; World Heritage Studies (Landscape), Architecture, Urban Planning, Constructional Engineering, Archaeology, Sociology, Intangible Cultural Heritage, Anthropology, Ethnology, Ethnography, Economy, History, Art History, Communication, Law, Tourism, Natural and Cultural Heritage, Geography, International Relations
- Motivated, active and driven individuals interested to implement the outcomes of the Forum in their respective countries

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Young participants who fit the above profile and who are motivated to participate actively in the Youth Forum are invited to fill out the **application form in English**. The Application Form can be found at the following link:

www.40whcistanbul2016.com/youthforumapplicationform/

The deadline for application is **25 March 2016**.

SELECTION

From each country mentioned above, only one candidate can be accepted. The candidates are expected to be aware of the World Heritage concept. The selection will be based on the fulfilment of the required profile and will take into consideration the diversity and complementarity of experiences among participants as well as gender balance.

CONDITIONS

The attendance during the full length of the event (arrival 29 June, departure 12 July 2016) is mandatory.

Young representatives should be committed to invest time to prepare and follow up the Forum. Each representative is invited to make a 5-minute presentation on a (multi-layered) World Heritage Site in the participants' countries.

The organizers will make all of the flight arrangements and cover the travel costs (economy class) as well as accommodation during the stay in Turkey (including visa fees, where applicable) for all participants.

In case of participant's attendance, beyond 11 July 2016, to the World Heritage Committee Session, all the related costs should be covered by the concerned Member State. In order to make all of the necessary preparations, please kindly inform us in advance.

Successful applicants will be informed by **15 April 2016** at the latest.