


WHV – Defending the Sustainability of the Fortress

Fortress of Suomenlinna, Finland

◆ Cultural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List since 1991

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 Built in the second half of the 18th century by Sweden on a group of islands located at the entrance of Helsinki's harbor, the Fortress of Suomenlinna is an especially interesting example of European military architecture of the time.



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Project objectives: The project aims to involve volunteers in the landscaping activities and visitor management programme of the islands. It also aims to raise awareness about the preservation and protection of the site as well as its promotion among visitors and local community including tourism operators, artists, artisans, youth workers and residents.

Project activities: The volunteers will participate in landscaping activities such as digging, weeding, mowing, seed collecting, and sowing under the supervision of gardeners. They will remove the harmful vegetation and species in the site and also participate in small-scaled erosion repairs. They will also participate in the visitor management programme by informing international visitors of the social and ecological sustainability issues of the site.

Partners: Allianssi Youth Exchanges, Hostel Suomenlinna, Ehrensverd-Society, and Helsinki International Artist Programme & Viapori Forum.