

WHV - Hand By Hand

Old Town of Nablus and its environs, Palestine

Site inscribed on a tentative list since 2012

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Tell Balata, identified with ancient Shechem, represents the earliest settlement in the Nablus area. It is located at the eastern entrance of modern Nablus, between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim (see number 4 above). Shechem was mentioned in the Egyptian Execration texts and the Khu-Sebek inscription from the 19th century B.C. It was mentioned in the Amarna Letter in the 14th century BC as a major Canaanite centre ruled by Lab'aya. Shechem is mentioned several times in the Bible. The biblical traditions relate Abraham, Jacob and Joseph to the site.

Project objectives:

The project is focused on youth empowerment, cultural education and awareness raising activities in order to promote the old town of Nablus. The Volunteers will specifically be involved in awareness raising activities aimed at producing useful learning tools for youth and in hands on activities where they will perform maintenance work.

Project activities:

In order to create a better understanding about the site, the volunteers will be involved in daily camp activities, which include classes on heritage, art, music, painting, anthropomorphic, photography, documentary and filming. In parallel to those activities, they will plant trees and clean the site in order to promote and preserve its environment.

Partners:

Municipality of Nablus, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, UNESCO Office in Ramallah

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