

WHV - Young Guardians of Teotihuacan

Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan, Mexico

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The holy city of Teotihuacan ('the place where the gods were created') is situated some 50 km north-east of Mexico City. Built between the 1st and 7th centuries A.D., it is characterized by the vast size of its monuments – in particular, the Temple of Quetzalcoatl and the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, laid out on geometric and symbolic principles. As one of the most powerful cultural centres in Mesoamerica, Teotihuacan extended its cultural and artistic influence throughout the region, and even beyond.

Project objectives:

The project aims to boost social engagement through the involvement of local schools and educational organisations, in order to increase the understanding of the local community on the site and its outstanding universal value. It also aims to encourage local young people to become “guardians” and “ambassadors” of the site. This will be achieved by raising awareness about the importance of conservation of the archaeological heritage among youth.

Project activities:

The volunteers will have the opportunity to assist the project coordinators in the creation of educational material and in the organisation of educational workshops on the World Heritage Site. Together with the young “guardians”, volunteers will be involved in making modern hand crafts, drawings and written compositions which will be exhibited in the Museums of the archaeological site.

Partners:

CEAPRAJ Fraternity, RED Iberoamericana de Inclusion – RED MELISA, Club UNESCO Hypatia, Site Operations Manager

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