

# WHV – Empowering the Commitment to World Heritage

## Palestine: Land of Olives and Vines – Cultural Landscape of Southern Jerusalem, Battir, Palestine

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2014

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This site is located a few kilometres south-west of Jerusalem, in the Central Highlands between Nablus and Hebron. The Battir hill landscape comprises a series of farmed valleys, known as widian, with characteristic stone terraces. Some of these farmed valleys are irrigated for market garden production, while others are dry and planted with grapevines and olive trees.

### Project objectives:

With the involvement of international volunteers, the project aims to sensitize the public to the historic and cultural values of the site and its preservation, as well as to showcase good practices of a sustainable preservation method and encourage the local communities to become actively engaged.

### Project activities:

With the support of professional engineers and archaeologists, the volunteers will participate in a training workshop and learn how to use natural construction materials during the heritage renovation process. They will apply such knowledge and skills in restoring some ancient walls without jeopardizing their original style and shape. Through the documentary screening, non-formal discussion and intercultural exchange with the local communities, the volunteers will experience the unique history and culture of Palestine and become inspired to take more initiatives in heritage promotion.

### Partners:

Battir landscape Eco-Museum Center (Bethlehem).

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