

WHV - Taller Barrial de Artes y Oficios

Historic Centre of Puebla, Mexico

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Founded in 1531, Puebla is situated at the foot of the Popocatepetl volcano. It has preserved its great religious structures such as the sixteenth–seventeenth-century cathedral and fine buildings like the old archbishop's palace, as well as a host of houses with walls covered in tiles (azulejos).

Project objectives:

The project aims to encourage local residents and volunteers to recover and enhance architectural elements of plaster, mortar and lime, with the aim of applying traditional construction methods to restore some of the damaged buildings in Barrios San Antonio, El Refugio, Santa Anita and Analco.

Project activities:

Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in an immense array of activities, ranging from technical workshops on restoration and ornamenting hosted by locals, pinpointing damage incurred during the earthquake, to interacting with the local community whose insight provides a deeper context of the site. Other activities will determine the amount of construction material needed for reconstruction from the local government. Volunteers will also work on restoring structures, including conducting detailed ornamenting, to support various edifices throughout the Historic Centre of Puebla.

Partners:

Neighbours of the Barrios, Faculty of Architecture of Benemerita Universidad Aitonoma de Puebla, INAH-Puebla, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Gerencia del Centro Histórico y Patrimonio Cultural, ICOMOS Puebla, Oxical company, IDIT-Ibero

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