WHV – “Get inspired and innovate! Join us in preserving and presenting the Fortress of Suomenlinna”

Fortress of Suomenlinna, Finland

Cultural property inscribed on the List of World Heritage 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 harbour, this fortress is an especially interesting example of European military architecture of the time.

Project objectives

The project aims at familiarizing the volunteers with the World Heritage property and offering them training in landscaping and restoration tasks under the guidance of the site management authorities. It also aims to raise the awareness of the visitors through surveys and public events, which the volunteers will partake in.

Project activities

As part of the awareness activities the volunteers will take part in lectures and discussions about World Heritage and the values of the Fortress of Suomenlinna as a UNESCO World Heritage property. The hands-on activities will involve cultural landscape maintenance, and upkeep tasks for the ramparts. The volunteers will be involved in the restoration of historical structures, carrying out painting and plastering under the supervision of the site management authorities. They will engage in documentation works, collect data from customer surveys through interviews, disseminate leaflets and participate in organizing a public event in Suomenlinna.

Partners

Allianssi Youth Exchanges; Hostel Suomenlinna; Ehrensvärd-Society; Local entrepreneurs and artists of Suomenlinna and Voluntary park pals of Helsinki and group of students from Helsinki based high school.

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