

WHV – Intermunicipal World Heritage on the Slopes of the Popocatepetl

Earliest 16th-Century Monasteries on the Slopes of Popocatepetl, Mexico

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List since 1994 20/06/2021 - 10/07/2021

These fourteen monasteries, standing on the slopes of Popocatepetl, are in an excellent state of conservation and are good examples of the architectural style adopted by the first missionaries who converted the indigenous populations to Christianity.

Project objectives:

The project aims to bring together different stakeholders and raise their awareness on the importance of protecting and preserving the World Heritage property; and to involve the volunteers in the restoration works that are going on at the site components affected by the earthquake in September 2017.

Project activities:

The volunteers will participate in awareness-raising activities and promote the World Heritage Education Programme and its activities in local schools and communities. Through these discussions and exchange sessions, local youth will have a deeper understanding about World Heritage and the needs to protect and preserve their own ones. Following the training on traditional masonry, construction and painting techniques, the volunteers will assist in cleaning and restoring the most damaged monasteries and churches under the supervision of the site management authorities.

Partners:

National Institute of Anthropology and History, Secretariat of Tourism and Culture of Morelos, the Municipalities of Zacualpan de Yecapixtla / Totolapan / Atlatlahucan, Mexican Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO, Clerical authorities.

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