

WHV - Volunteer for World Heritage in the Fortress of Suomenlinna

Fortress of Suomenlinna, Finland

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List 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 intends to enhance the volunteers' knowledge and skills in heritage conservation and landscaping technics through trainings and hands-on work at the site. In addition, the project plans to raise the visitors' awareness through surveys and public events.

Project activities:

The volunteers will join orientation and discussion sessions on World Heritage and enhance their understanding of the authenticity and value of the site. Under the guidance of the site management and specialists, the volunteers will participate in trainings and carry out landscaping work and restoration tasks, such as the removal of deteriorated surface of wooden and stone constructions and the finishing of surface with traditional paints. The volunteers will spread leaflets to visitors, collect the visitor data through surveys and interviews, and raise their awareness on the site, as well as its social and ecological sustainability issues. They will also help organize a Camp Day to engage the local community in volunteering for conservation work in the site.

Partners:

Allianssi Youth Exchanges, hostel Suomenlinna, Ehrensvärd-Society, local entrepreneurs and artists of Suomenlinna, Voluntary park pals of Helsinki

The Governing Body of Suomenlinna

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