

WHV – Young People in Defense of Amazigh Heritage: International Volunteer Initiative

Risco Caído and the Sacred Mountains of Gran Canaria Cultural Landscape, Spain

Cultural property inscribed on the World
Heritage List since 2019

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Located in a vast mountainous area in the centre of Gran Canaria, Risco Caído comprises cliffs, ravines and volcanic formations in a landscape of rich biodiversity. The landscape includes a large number of troglodyte settlements — habitats, granaries and cisterns. The troglodyte complex also includes cult cavities and two sacred temples.

Project objectives:

The project aims to contribute to the promotion of World Heritage values among young people; to the enhancement of the cultural heritage associated with the Amazigh culture; to the establishment of cultural exchange and sustainable relations of cooperation between the site of Gran Canaria and other World Heritage sites of the Amazigh culture.

Project activities:

With the involvement and support of the volunteers, the project plans to conduct a wide range of awareness-raising activities, such as the exhibition of craft products, and the drafting and publication of a catalogue of Amazigh root toponymy. The volunteers will partake in walking tours around parts of the site's trail route and engage in workshops with artisans from the area. As concrete hands-on activities, the volunteers will join in cleaning actions of invasive vegetation and garbage collection, to ensure the site's maintenance.

Partners:

Instituto para la Gestión Integrada del Patrimonio Mundial y la Reserva de la Biosfera de Gran Canaria, Consejería de Juventud del Cabildo Insular de Gran Canaria, Laboratorio de Arqueología de la Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC), Proyecto educativo la Huella de los Canarii, Work Camps Projects, Municipalities of the Cultural Landascape

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