

# WHV – Heritage as a key to discover Humanity - Summer Camp WHV at the Valley of the Temples

## Archaeological Area of Agrigento, Italy

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1997)

## PROJECT DATES

16 July - 31 July 2023

**THE SITE** - The archaeological area of Agrigento, the Valley of the Temples, is on the southern coast of Sicily and covers the vast territory of the ancient polis, from the Rupe Atenea to the acropolis of the original ancient city, as well as to the sacred hill on which stand the main Doric temples and up to the extramural necropolis. Founded as a Greek colony in the 6th century BCE, Agrigento became one of the leading cities in the Mediterranean region. Its supremacy and pride are demonstrated by the remains of the magnificent Doric temples that dominate the ancient town, much of which still lies intact under today's fields and orchards.

**OBJECTIVES** - The project aims at promoting the importance of the Archaeological Park as an element of sustainable and lasting development of the area, attracting and empowering the local community in heritage preservation through the exposure and cooperation with international participants.

**ACTIVITIES** - The volunteers will have a work experience dedicated to the discovery and enhancement of the main elements that characterize the site of Valley of the Temples: archaeological research, enhancement policies and engagement, the protection and improvement of the landscape. They will provide assistance to excavations in progress and deal with the cleaning of spontaneous vegetation, the removal of which requires particular expertise, with support for the treatment, classification and cataloging of archaeological material, drawings and photographs of the structures. Volunteers will also assist the park in the preparatory activities for the summer season evening of cinema, music and other events, through the distribution of posters, the processing of customer care questionnaires, and support activities during the events such as control accesses and support for visitors with reduced mobility. Participants will document these activities through photos and videos, which will be conveyed on the relevant social networks and on the Archaeological Park website.

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