

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

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

**PROJECT DATES**  
July (t.b.c.) 2023

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2019)

**THE SITE** - 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. All the archaeological sites and rock art manifestations of the Risco Caído and the Sacred Mountains of Gran Canaria Cultural Landscape bear unique and exceptional testimony to an extinct insular culture that seems to have evolved in isolation for more than 1500 years. The archaeological and historic testimony of the property bear out the fact that this culture stems from the original populations from the Berber Maghreb, which is in itself exceptional, as this is a unique case of an insular culture whose origins go back to the Amazigh world.

**OBJECTIVES** - The project aims to contribute to the enhancement of the cultural heritage associated with the Amazigh culture; promote World Heritage values among young people; lay the foundations for the establishment of cultural exchanges and sustainable relations of cooperation between the site of Gran Canaria and other World Heritage sites of the Amazigh culture.

**ACTIVITIES** - With the involvement and support of 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 part of the site's trail route, workshops with artisans from the area, and accompaniment of transhumant shepherds. Regarding the site's maintenance, the volunteers will join in cleaning actions of invasive vegetation and garbage collection.

**PARTNERS** - Consejería de Juventud del Cabildo Insular de Gran Canaria, Laboratorio de Arqueología de la Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Proyecto educativo la Huella de los Canarii, Work Camps Projects, Municipalities of the Cultural Landascape

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