

WHV – Heritage through the Youth Lens for Public (Fort and Shalamar Gardens)

Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore, Pakistan

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (1981)

PROJECT DATES

17 June - 18 June 2023

THE SITE - The Fort and Shalamar Gardens are two masterpieces from the time of the brilliant Mughal civilization, which reached its height during the reign of the Emperor Shah Jahan. The fort contains marble palaces and mosques decorated with mosaics and gilt. The elegance of these splendid gardens, built near the city of Lahore on three terraces with lodges, waterfalls and large ornamental ponds, is unequalled. The Mughal forms, motifs and designs developed at Lahore Fort and Shalimar Gardens have been influenced by design innovations in other royal Mughal enclaves but have also exerted great influence in subsequent centuries on the development of artistic and aesthetic expression throughout the Indian subcontinent. The monuments bear a unique and exceptional testimony to the Mughal civilisation at the height of its artistic and aesthetic accomplishments, in the 16th and 17th centuries.

OBJECTIVES - The project aims at developing youth's relationships with heritage sites through visual storytelling, building on existing knowledge and engaging a wider public in the dialogue for heritage sites. The main goal of the programmes is informing, engaging and enabling youth in using the heritage sites artistically, creatively and recreationally.

ACTIVITIES - Photo workshops and exhibitions will engage public for meaningful dialogue around themes that will include stories tied around the heritage sites concerned, their history and curatorial input from young people themselves in collaboration with expert artists. The public will have a better idea about the importance of heritage sites, new ways to look at them and the projects will demonstrate how youth can be successfully engaged in creative storytelling through photography.

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