

## WHV – Pile dwellers, nice to meet you!

### Prehistoric Pile Dwellings around the Alps, Italy

#### PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2011)

29 July - 09 August 2024

**THE SITE** - This serial property of 111 small individual sites encompasses the remains of prehistoric pile-dwelling (or stilt house) settlements in and around the Alps built from around 5000 to 500 B.C. on the edges of lakes, rivers or wetlands. The settlements are a unique group of exceptionally well-preserved and culturally rich archaeological sites, which constitute one of the most important sources for the study of early agrarian societies in the region.

**OBJECTIVES** - The Fondazione Piero Simoni will utilise its expertise and experience to engage young volunteers at three different components of the transnational site of the Prehistoric pile dwellings around the Alps, with the aim of introducing the younger generations to archaeological research in all its forms and the need to protect fragile environments currently threatened by climate change.

**ACTIVITIES** - The volunteers will be involved in 3 different component parts of the World Heritage site: Lucone di Polpenazze (Brescia province), Fivè and Ledro (Trentino province). Five volunteers will serve at the Lucone excavation and five other will work in the summer on the two Trentino sites. At Lucone di Polpenazze the volunteers will participate in the archaeological excavation of a Bronze Age pile dwelling by carrying out research support activities, learning how the excavation works are organized and actively participating in different research areas. At Fivè and Ledro the young people involved, both locals and volunteers, will be offered various cultural experiences, including but not limited to visits and guided excursions to places of value (archaeological sites, places of natural interest, parishes, churches, museums, etc.), as well as workshops and meetings with special reference figures in the community. The experts will offer training sessions to young people aimed at giving them useful tools and information to produce digital content for the use of youth.

**PARTNERS** - International Coordination Group Palafittes (CH); Ministero della Cultura - Soprintendenza Archeologia Belle Arti e Paesaggio per le province di Bergamo e Brescia; UMST Soprintendenza per i beni e le attività culturali – Ufficio beni archeologici – Servizi Educativi (Museo delle Palafitte e Parco Archeo Natura di Fivè); Museo delle Palafitte del Lago di Ledro – ReLed – Muse; MAB riserva di Biosfera UNESCO, Alpi Ledrensi e Giudicaria; University of Padua; Istituto per i Beni Culturali del Veneto – Venezia; Parco Naturale Adamello Brenta Geopark; Museo Archeologico della Valle Sabbia (Valle Sabbia Archaeological Museum) – “Piero Simoni” Foundation; Municipalities of Bleggio Superiore, Fivè, Gavardo, Ledro, Polpenazze del Garda; Gruppo Grotte Gavardo; Ecomuseo della Giudicaria; Pro Loco di Quadra; Sport Association Castel Stenico Volley; Società Cooperativa La Melagrana.

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