

WHV – Zvartnots Cathedral Work Camp 2025

Cathedral and Churches of Echmiatsin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots, Armenia

PROJECT DATES

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2000)

01 - 14 August 2025

THE SITE - The cathedral and churches of Echmiatsin and the archaeological remains at Zvartnots graphically illustrate the evolution and development of the Armenian central-domed cross-hall type of church, which exerted a profound influence on architectural and artistic development in the region, and vividly depict both the spirituality and the innovatory artistic achievement of the Armenian Church from its foundation.

OBJECTIVES - The project has three main objectives. Firstly, it aims to preserve historical and cultural monuments by ensuring their proper restoration, maintenance and protection for future generations. Secondly, it aims to attract more tourists to the site by increasing its visibility and accessibility. Finally, the project focuses on raising awareness among young volunteers and other stakeholders about the historical and cultural significance of the site, encouraging them to take an active part in its preservation.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteers will actively promote the World Heritage site by producing engaging presentations and creating a range of promotional materials. These materials will be distributed through traditional media such as newspapers, brochures and posters, as well as digital platforms including social media to reach a wider audience. Volunteers will be involved in practical conservation work, assisting with cleaning and basic maintenance work at the cathedral to help maintain its historic integrity. They will also support the museum by editing and translating key site documentation, ensuring that information about the site's history, significance and cultural value is accessible to a wider audience and used effectively in promotional efforts.

PARTNERS - Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organizations, Directorate of the Zvartnots Museum, organisations, Service for the Protection of Historical Environment and Cultural Museum Reservations (SNCO), Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports.

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