

World Heritage Volunteers 2015

Project Description

Title	World Heritage Volunteers Parks and Gardens of Classical Weimar
Site	Classical Weimar
Status	Cultural site inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1998
Project location	Weimar, Germany
Project dates	18 July 2015 to 01 August 2015
Site description	In the late 18 th and early 19 th centuries the small Thuringian town of Weimar witnessed a remarkable cultural flowering, attracting many writers and scholars, notably Goethe and Schiller. This development is reflected in the high quality of many of the buildings and of the parks in the surrounding area.
Project objectives	The World Heritage site Classical Weimar comprises twelve separate buildings or ensembles. At four of them the World Heritage Volunteers project will take place – at Park on the Ilm, Belvedere Park, Tiefurt Park and Ettersburg Park. The project aims to carry out practical works at the gardens and parks by restoration, reconstruction and maintenance. In addition, they will promote World Heritages and World Heritage Volunteers initiative to the local public by creating 'stable structure'. The project combines preservation and protection activities at the World Heritage site with an educational part aiming to contribute to the sustainable management of Natural and Cultural Heritage and a promotional part about World Heritage.
Project activities	Continuing the World Heritage Volunteers projects having taken place since 2012 at the World Heritage site Classical Weimar the project will support the revitalisation of abandoned parts of <i>Belvedere Park</i> . The volunteers will - based on historical plans and in intensive cooperation with the site management - uncover and restore historical paths which had been disappeared some decades ago. A part of the group will - alternating from day to day- carry out different gardening, preservation and protection works in the other parks belonging to the World Heritage site as a model of common practical work in mixed groups of international volunteers and local workers, in the same time enabling the participants to get to know the diversity of the World Heritage site Classical Weimar. A special highlight will be the opening of a photo exhibition about all German World Heritage sites prepared by the German National Commission for UNESCO and the German Federal Foreign Office and presented in cooperation with European Heritage Volunteers and Klassik Stiftung Weimar. The vernissage of the exhibition will be combined with a public presentation of World Heritage sites in the countries of origin of the participants of the World Heritage Volunteers project. In order to illustrate the cultural diversity and to strengthen the exchange about World Heritage in different regions of the world the group will consist of fourteen volunteers from fourteen different countries from three or four continents.
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