

# World Heritage Volunteers

## Defending the Sustainability of the Fortress

### *Fortress of Suomenlinna*

- ◆ Suomenlinna  
Helsinki, Finland
- ◆ Cultural property inscribed  
on the WH list since 1991

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Built in the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century by Sweden on a group of islands located at the entrance of Helsinki's harbor, the Fortress of Suomenlinna is an especially interesting example of European military architecture of the time.



**Project objectives:** At the fortress there are plenty of landscaping tasks that cannot be performed by machinery but, instead, only by manual labour. The volunteers will work in this field under the supervision of Suomenlinna's gardeners at two locations of the archipelago. Furthermore, the volunteers will perform under the supervision of Suomenlinna's staff visitor information tasks about sustainability issues during the busy month of August, when the amount of visitors can exceed 200.000, sixty per cent of whom come from outside of Finland.

**Project activities:** The practical work will include various tasks as digging, weeding and mowing, seed collecting and sowing. A special focus will lie on the elimination of harmful vegetation and – especially on the ramparts – the prevention of the expansion of harmful species threatening the vegetation more culturally related to Suomenlinna's history. The task will be completed by small scale erosion repairs.

**Partners:** Allianssi Youth Exchanges; Hostel Suomenlinna; Ehrensvärd-Society; Helsinki International Artist Programme & Viapori Forum

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