

# World Heritage Volunteers 2015

## Project Description

Title	<b>World Heritage Volunteers Suomenlinna - Impacting the Sustainability of a Fortress</b>
Site	Fortress Suomenlinna
Status	Cultural site inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1991
Project location	Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland
Project dates	02 August 2015 to 15 August 2015
Site description	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 harbour, this fortress is an especially interesting example of European military architecture of the time.
Project objectives	The project aims to maintain the most ecologically vulnerable parts of the fortress landscape, to speed up of the most labour intensive restoration works, to raise awareness of Suomenlinna's sustainability issues among the visitors and local Helsinki residents and to promote voluntary work and participation for the protection and development of the fortress.
Project activities	Under supervision of the experts of the Governing Body of Suomenlinna, the volunteers will remove harmful vegetation and thereby prevent – especially on the ramparts – the expansion of harmful species. In addition, they will repair window frames, carry out painting works, construct steps on the ramparts and collect seeds. The volunteers will also activate social media, perform visitors information duties and organise an open forum on exchange of ideas among the local residents, artists and artisans. Lastly, they will produce a film documentation of the World Heritage Volunteers experience.
Organisation	The Governing Body of Suomenlinna
Partners	Allianssi Youth Exchanges; Finnish Youth Centres & Hostel Suomenlinna; Viapori Forum association for artists and artisans in Suomenlinna; Helsinki International Artist Programme; Ehrensverd Society; Voluntary residents of Suomenlinna
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